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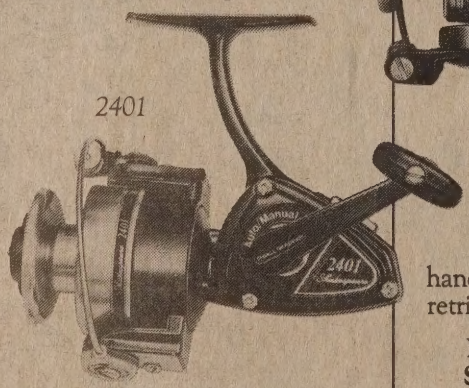

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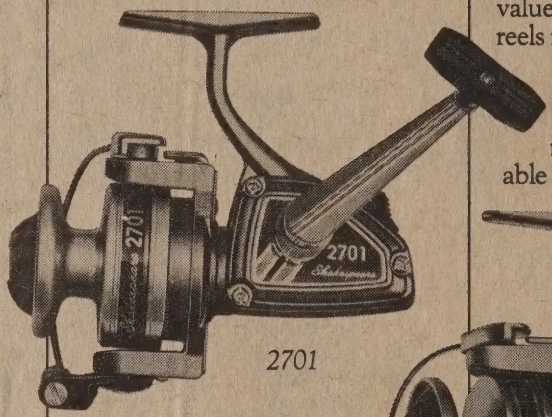

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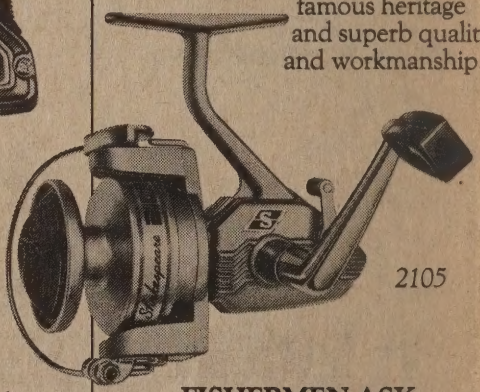

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READER PEPPERS LEPPER

In response to Captain Ron Lepper interview in a recent issue of The Long Island Fisherman:

After talking with friends of mine who also live-line bass and are good fishermen, we found the interview very funny.

The article insinuates that men who fish with live bait are the bass mongers of the Bay. We do not catch 30 & 40 bass a tide, cut their bellies open to retrieve the bunker to use again to catch more. We are lucky if we catch a couple a tide and then we might go two days without catching another.

I leave my house at 4AM to catch bait to fish at 7AM. If I do not get the bait, I go home. So, if Captain Lepper carries any shame for catching 30 & 40 fish, he should bear it and don't try and lay it on us.

He claims, "What he can tell you about live-lining will take him fifteen minutes." I have been fishing bass for fifteen years and I am still learning.

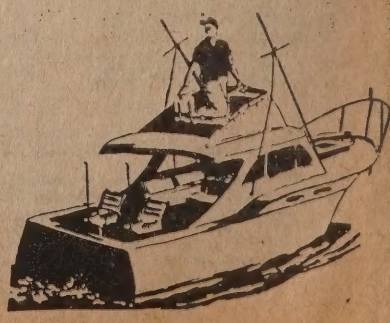
I don't knock any man's method of fishing, not even when he sets six Bunker Spoons from behind his transom.

We understand Capt. Lepper manufactures Bunker Spoons and umbrella rigs. Is he so interested in conservation, or promoting his products?

It seems every time someone continually slaughters fish and the species dwindles, they become a martyr and protector of the fish. It's too late!

In conclusion, I am sure there will be many more articles like this one, from men fishing in the Peconics and Great South Bay, who are now hauling 10, 12 and 20 weakfish a tide. Probably their aim will be at the commercial fishermen and the gill netters.

The Long Island Fisherman has a great saying, "Keep what you can eat, throw the rest back!" **Joe Giallanzo.**



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Because of the tremendous advance demand for reservations from women throughout Westchester and the greater New York area, the Griffith Marine First Mates' VHF Marine Radio Seminar, June 22, 10 a.m. to Noon, will be held in the American Legion Hall, 112 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY, rather than at the Griffith headquarters at 134 North Avenue.

The seminar is designed to instruct women in emergency use of marine VHF radio in case of accident or illness on boats to assure they can call for help from the Coast Guard or other agencies.

John Schebendach, Griffith sales manager, said he had been "swamped with calls from men and women" for more information on the seminar and indicatng they would attend or ask their wives to attend. For this reason, the meeting was moved to larger space at the New Rochelle Legion Hall, just a few doors down North Avenue from Griffith.

PLAYLAND FISHING PIER TO OPEN FOR SEASON ON JUNE 20

Playland Amusement Park's famed fishing pier in Rye, New York, will open on June 20, weather permitting, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and weekends. According to Playland Director Edward J. Kilcullen, the portion of the pier to be open will be the straight run only. The end of the pier will remain closed due to severe storm damage of the past two winters.

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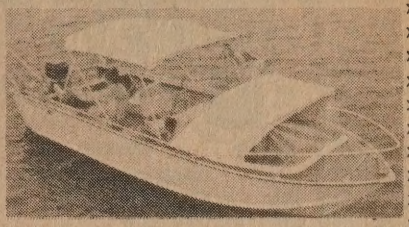

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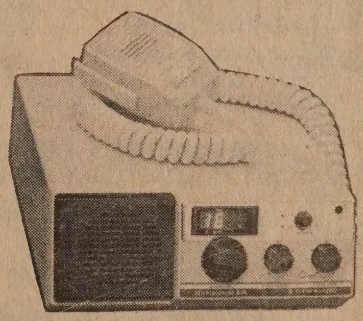

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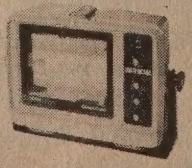

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A FISH STORY

Do any of you readers know that a tiny fish three inches long has halted completion of the $119 million Tellico Dam in Tennessee? The tiny Snail Darter, threatened by extinction, now claims this distinction.

A Supreme Court decision 6-3 ruling that the Tellico Dam could not operate, even though it was virtually complete, because shutting its floodgates would wipe out the critical habitat—the special biological surrounding needed for the survival of the three-inch Snail Darter.

Moral to this story: evidently the environmentalists and fishermen of Tennessee banded together to secure this victory. Too bad the fishermen of New York can't learn from this lesson. **Courtesy of The New York Sportfishing Council.**

CLUB NEWS

EMPIRE STRIPER ASSN

On Sunday, June 10, the Empire Striper Association held its first intraclub contest from the surf in Rockaway. John Pratt not only caught his first surf bass, but the 27 lb. fish was good for first honors. Charlie Marquardt took second place with a 24 lb. bass. When the fishing was over, John Judge hosted a breakfast overlooking the Bay at Bulloch's Wharf.

All told, the surf fishing is not as good as last year for June. We think the big fish may be in Jamaica Bay chasing bunker. Tom Bartlein moved inside and took a hefty 43 lber. last week.

SALTY FLY RALLY RESULTS

The 1979 "Salty Flyrodder" Master Flycasters Rally Fishing Get Together proved to be highly successful for both beginner and experienced fly fishermen. Over 150 persons were in attendance catching approximately 65 fish from the surf, and many other fish from the boat, all on a fly rod. Blues, weaks, and bass were caught predominantly at night on a white, black, or yellow Deceiver style fly. The Club Trophy for largest fish went to Joe Falke, club member (7.7 oz. weak) and non-club member trophy for largest fish was awarded to Carl Roodman

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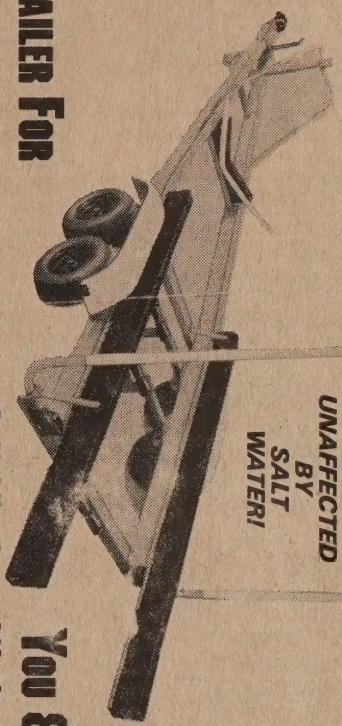

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Gear Conflict Problems Multiply

The age-old problem of gear conflicts in our marine waters is rapidly reaching the crisis point in many areas. The ever-increasing price of fish has led to commercial exploitation even in areas where there was formerly no problem. Of course, the extra pressure exerted on high-priced species isn't doing their population levels any good; but the most immediate problem is the conflict created when two groups try to utilize the same area.

So far our area has been spared from the worst of these conflicts. That's not to say that we don't have problems. Montauk haul seiners think nothing of setting around surfcasters and even boats (that happened to me once). Occasionally, a greedy gill netter will jump in on some fish being worked by other fishermen, but that's not common. A form of gill netting unfamiliar to Long Islanders—deep water gill netting for cod—created some problems off Block Island this spring, and will probably get much worse in the future. Up to this point, the party boats have been able to work their ranges off Block Island without commercial interference on the rocky bottoms. However, New England gill netters are now setting on that same rocky bottom—not only eliminating most of the stocks the party boats have to operate on, but also (according to the party boat skippers) scaring off the fish when they make a set during the day.

Nevertheless, all of what we're faced with now is small potatoes compared to what's going on in other areas. Some of the most severe problems are in Florida. It wasn't many years ago that kingfish (king mackerel) were an inexpensive fish caught primarily by hand-line trollers who barely made a living. Now the price is often around a dollar a pound and there is intense competition for what's available. Roller gill netters moved into the Fort Pierce area a couple of years ago and there has been conflict ever since. Sportsmen aren't too directly involved in this problem as there are only a few charter boats operating out of Fort Pierce, though what happens to the kingfish there has a great deal of effect on the quality of the fishing in other adjacent areas. In any case, the sportsmen and hand-liners (most actually use wire line on electric reels) never had a real problem, as their gear was compatible. On the other hand, the roller gill netters operate huge nets that take up a great deal of productive water, effectively shutting out other types of gear. Using airplanes to spot the schools, they are able to effectively wipe out great concentrations—leaving a virtually dead sea behind until the next school arrives. Some fishermen also claim that they kill many kings that fall out of the nets and are wasted. That claim is presently being investigated by the Florida Department of Natural Resources. With the livelihood of about two hundred hand-line boats threatened by a few large craft, there has been considerable violence. Both the Florida Department and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council have been trying to resolve the situation by imposing area restrictions for the different types of gear, but it remains to be seen if this "solution" will be effective.

Another serious problem in Florida concerns the use of fish traps on the reefs. Snappers and groupers are worth big money in Florida, and until recently were harvested primarily by sportsmen and hand-liners. In recent years, massive fish traps have been developed which can very successfully fish these reef areas. Not only do they catch groupers and snappers, but also everything else that swims along the bottom. Even the colorful plant eating fish of many species that are a delight to the diver are captured. There is a great deal of mortality in the traps, particularly when they aren't pulled regularly. Worst of all, the wire traps lost in storms will go on fishing (and killing) for a long time before falling apart. Even such "Virgin" areas as the Dry Tortugas are now littered with these traps, and many fishermen fear that they will ruin reef fishing in southeast Florida within a few years. There are bills pending in the Florida legislature that would ban or restrict fish traps, but their fate is uncertain.

Closer to home, there was a violent conflict off the Delaware Coast last summer between sport trollers and Cape May pair seiners working on bluefish. The pair seiners require a great deal of room and were fishing in an area regularly worked by sportsmen. It's not surprising that the conflict occurred, or that there is no easy solution to it. The pair seiners have indicated that they intend to be right back at the same spot this summer and unless someone does something about it, there will probably be violence again.

The point of all the foregoing is that we're going to have to learn how to deal with gear conflicts soon, or violence will come to rule our marine waters. The sad fact of the matter is that the basic common law dealing with fisheries is concerned only with the capture of the fish—not the comparative rights of the fishermen. The commonly accepted rule among individuals of good will is "first come, first served." Groups fishing different types of gear should find their own fish, and respect the

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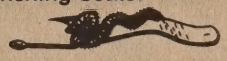
prior claim of the other when they are there first. Most sport and commercial fishermen recognize this unwritten code, though there is apparently no basis in law for it.

Though most potential conflicts are avoided by adherence to the "unwritten code," there is no mechanism to adjudicate those that do occur. The result is usually violence—the only course left when the law fails to provide for protecting the rights of the weak. This has been a long-standing problem in American fisheries but, as the saying goes, "you ain't seen nothing yet! With increasing prices and insufficient resources, we're going to see a great many gear conflicts within the next few years. I wouldn't be at all surprised to see pair seiners operating along the Jersey Coast and off Long Island this season. A new set of purse seiners working out of Virginia this spring accounted for 200,000 lbs. of bluefish and 100,000 lbs. of weakfish on their first experimental trip. This technique is likely to spread like wildfire during the next few years, and will undoubtedly create many conflicts with the inshore fisheries. Gill netting has already caused many conflicts in Great South Bay during the weakfish season, and that will be small potatoes compared to what will happen if we ever get a run of school stripers again. Purse seining for bluefish doesn't appear to be a threat at present, but could develop if foreign markets open up.

The time for action to avoid these problems is right now! Both the States and Federal Government must become involved in gear conflict before the situation gets out of hand. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has a gear conflict committee which has formulated a scheme designed to ease conflicts between mobile gear (draggers) and fixed gear (lobster pots, tilefish trawls, etc.) along the edge of the Continental Shelf. However, they haven't gotten involved in other gear conflict disputes as yet. Perhaps this is a proper role for the Councils to assume outside the three-mile state jurisdiction. In any case, it's important that all officials concerned start thinking about means of resolving gear conflicts before firearms become standard gear on fishing boats!



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FISH TALK
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Fish Relevant Facts About the Long Island Sound

LONG ISLAND SOUND IS A VAST BODY OF WATER that is physically and biologically diverse. It is, and has been, an important estuarine natural "farm" that annually produces tons of finfish and shellfish. Unlike the Great South Bay which, except for some channels and holes, is rather uniformly shallow and because there is rather limited exchange of water with the ocean, water temperatures become quite high in summer and very cold in winter. In fact, during reasonably cold winters, a good portion of the Bay freezes over solid. Much the same is true of Moriches Bay and to a lesser extent, the Peconic and Shinnecock Bays. It is true that these bays are productive for shellfish—especially clams—and that flounder, fluke, weakfish, small blues, and other bottom species can be found in good quantities at times. However, it is also true that because water temperatures fluctuate so quickly, that seasons for some species are often short. For example, the weakfish season in these bays is rarely longer than the month of May and the best of the fishing for this species is usually over in much less time than that. However, in Long Island Sound the picture is very different. Structurally, Long Island Sound is so very different from these bays that crucial characteristics of the body of water and the behavior of the fish that swim in it are drastically altered as compared to the shallow bays.

KEY DESCRIPTIONS! Long Island Sound consists of nine hundred thirty (930) square miles. The maximum average depth in the western end is thirty meters (about 90') and in the east end, about a hundred meters (300'). Compare these figures with average depths in the bays which run between ten and twenty feet! Why is there a difference in depth between the east and the west end? The answer is at once simple and complex and in order to appreciate the bottom topography of Long Island Sound, we need to trace its history back in time for about fifty or more, thousand years. The continental glaciers (two hundred feet thick sheets of ice that covered the Continents on several occasions in the recent past) had dramatic effects on the Long Island Sound basin. During period of continental glaciation, sea level was reduced by as much as about two hundred feet; that meant that most of what we know of as the Sound today was drained of its water—except for the eastern-most end. Probably a river, formed by the runoff of the melting glacier, ran down the center of the basin and carved out the bottom even further, the way major land-based rivers have etched large features on our planet (Colorado River—Grand Canyon). Continental glaciers carried much dirt and rock and at the terminal end, where melting was fastest, the debris was dropped. The glacier was more or less stationary many times in its duration and thus, piles of rock and soil built up at those locations, helping to form major reefs in the Sound, such as the Centre Island Reef and the Eaton's Neck Reef. Of course, we know these today as very productive fishing locations for everything from flounder to striped bass. Also, as the glaciers pushed forward, they acted as giant bulldozers and pushed rock and dirt ahead gouging out deep channels, holes, and depressions including the major features of harbors such as Hempstead, Huntington, and Port Jefferson Harbors. Now that I have bored you with the geological history of North America, I can make the point that I started to make some many words ago. Because Long Island Sound is shallow and then deep, because large reefs jut out into mid-Sound under the water, and because the glaciers sculptured a diverse topograph, there are major differences—from east to west—in bottom structure. In general, the east end portion contained some water, while the west was drier. Thus, the effects of glacial erosion and deposition were very different between the eastern and western portions. In addition, a major geological structure separates the two portions and was itself influenced by the glaciers. This structure is the Mattituck Sill. It is a submarine ridge that is nine (9) meters high (off the bottom) and runs from Northville on the Long Island side across the Sound to Connecticut. This structure effectively divides the Long Island Sound Basin into two portions: the eastern basin which extends from Mattituck to Block Island Sound, and the Central Basin which includes the bottom to the west of the Sill.

THE SILL EFFECTS OTHER CHARACTERISTICS! All of this rambling about the sill and the geological origins of the Long Island Sound Basin has great relevancy to our fishing. We have already established that many of the glacial-caused structures are prime fishing areas, but beyond that, these structures affect other characteristics that explains—to some extent—how and why various species move about the estuary during the course of the season. For example, let's look at water temperatures. We all know that the waters of the Sound are slower to warm and to cool. Therefore, seasons on all species are later to arrive and end in the Sound, and they also last longer. Good flounder fishing, for example, may last for three months in some years and although weakfish usually do not arrive in appreciable numbers until the end of May, they may hang around until the end of July. Porgies can be fished in good quantities throughout the summer and bluefish, which arrive in June, can be taken into December in some years. The average water temperature range for the Central Basin is thirty-two degrees in winter to about seventy-five degrees in summer. The lowest temperature is usually reached in February and the highest in September. In the Eastern Basin, the average lowest temperature is thirty-seven degrees and the average highest temperature is about sixty-six degrees. There is thus a significant difference in water temperature between the two basins. The Mattituck Sill restricts the flow of tidal water between the two areas and thus, there is less exchange between cooler ocean water and the Central Basin than between the ocean and the Eastern Basin. Therefore, in the fall many species will hold in the western portion longer because there is, on an average, an eleven degree gradient between the two areas and it will take some time before the water cools. Then, once the fish begin to migrate to the east, they will encounter a body of water that is cooling even more slowly because of the influence of the exchange of water with the Atlantic Ocean which, by October, will be warmer than the western portion of the Sound. The fish will again be able to hold in the Eastern Basin due to favorable temperatures.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY INTO FISH, MOVE EAST IN THE FALL! Not only should you fish further and further to the east as the season winds down, but you should fish western portions first at the start of the season. Take weakfish, for example. As they enter the estuary, they will swim west into the warmer water and good fishing for them may occur several weeks earlier in the west end before it gets going in the east. When the run starts to peter out in the west during July, it is possible to fish east of Mattituck and still take good numbers of weaks well into August in some years. In the fall, the bluefishing begins to fade during the end of October, but some of the best fishing for this species in the Eastern Basin still lies

ahead in November.

BOTTOM STRUCTURE ALSO EFFECTS CURRENTS! Long Island Sound experiences about an eight per cent turnover of its total volume with each tidal exchange, which takes about thirteen hours. To begin with, the ebb—or outgoing tide—is generally stronger in most areas than the flood, or incoming tide. The force of the current reaches a peak at about the three-hour mark during the flood tide and slightly earlier (2.9 hours) during the ebb tide. The average speed of the current is three (3) knots in the Eastern Basin and one (1) knot in the Central Basin. One wonders why the ebb tide is stronger than the flood and the answer cannot be a simple one. Perhaps drainage of fresh water into the estuary plays a role. The Drainage Basin (area of land from which rain water runs off into the Sound) is about thirteen times the surface area of the Sound itself. The flow of the fresh water may be restricted during the flood and thus a volume of fresh water is added to and mixes with, the salt water that moves into the Basin during the incoming tide. Therefore, when the tide turns, the volume of water pushing out is greater than it would otherwise be if there were no fresh water added to it. In general also, the outgoing tide tends to produce more surface current phenomena and thus, in turn, encourages fish in the shallows to become more active. Therefore, fishermen in the Sound tend to find that the ebb tide is more productive than the flood in most cases—although there are some notable exceptions.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST! Because of good tide flow and good mixing, there is virtually no gradient of salinity (amount of salt) from the surface to the bottom. If the inflow of ocean water was more restricted there probably would be some differences noted. On the other hand, there is often a temperature gradient from top to bottom. This is especially true in the summer when cold water settles into various depressions within the basins. Thermoclines are thus established and these can play an important role in your fishing. Fish—game fish and bait fish alike—will usually seek water temperatures that are within their usual comfort range. Therefore, we may find blues feeding on sand eels in mid-Sound at a depth of twenty, thirty, or more feet during August. By using a temperature determining instrument, it is possible to locate these temperature layers and with the help of a sonar instrument, locate the feeding fish and work bait and lures at a level that can be productive. A number of companies manufacture these instruments and their names and locations can be found in the ad pages of The Fisherman. Freshwater fishermen have used the technique for a long time and it works for them. Good fishing in Long Island Sound!

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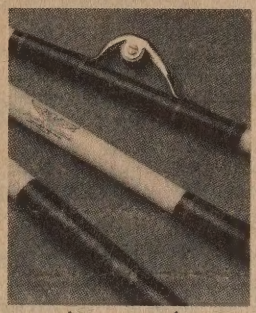

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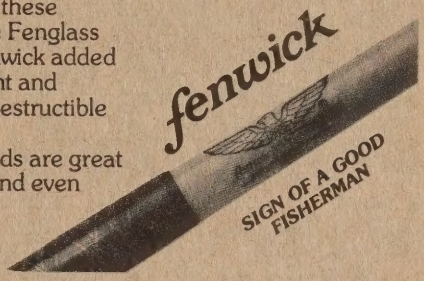

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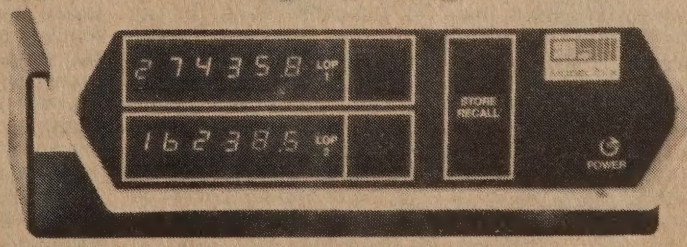

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Surf Side

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Montauk's Other Face

The shore line at Montauk Point portrays different images to assorted surfcasters. Perhaps the most impressive and stimulating scene is to be witnessed under the Light, when a stiff nor'easter forces the game fish within reach of the hardy souls clinging to their precarious footholds among the jumbled boulders; but the faces of the Point are diverse. For some anglers there is nothing more rousing than a bluefish blitz on the sandy beaches of the south side under a bright sun. For others, happiness is achieved when bobbing in the gentle nighttime surf on the North Bar clad in a wet suit. Nowhere else on Long Island, possibly on the entire East Coast, does such a relatively small area present such a diverse choice of methods and tactics to a surfman seeking the inshore game fish. Most of the attention is centered in two major areas: the Town beaches to the west of Ditch Plains and the area commonly referred to as "Up Front"; that is, the beach from the North Bar to the Lighthouse. Those anglers desiring to get away from the crowd can make a choice between two relatively untenanted locations. The first, under the South Side bluffs requires certain sea conditions and specialized equipment in order to have a fair chance of success. The second area can be fished with a wide range of tackle under a greater scope of weather conditions. The waterfront west of North Bar all the way to the inlet to Montauk Harbor is highlighted by a point of land which lies approximately midway between these two places. This point with its shifting bars and surging rips is known as Shagwong Point.

Shagwong is a relatively inaccessible area which can be considered either an advantage or a disadvantage, depending on your ownership of a beach vehicle and residency in Suffolk County. A beach buggy is a necessity for the distance to be traversed from the closest access points is considerable. To the east, a car should be left in the Lighthouse parking lot, while Gin Beach is the nearest hardtop road to the west—which shows that a lengthy walk must be undertaken to reach the Point from either of these locations.

Because Shagwong is part of a county park, a Suffolk County beach vehicle permit must be obtained. This permit is restricted to county residents in the possession of a County Leisure Pass and can be obtained at the Ranger Station located on East Lake Drive upon payment of a $10 fee.

Even before these restrictions were placed on Shagwong, fishermen using the area outside of the bathing season were few. On the other hand, Friday nights during the summer months saw an endless convoy of campers slowly making their way along the beach from East Lake Drive until space around the Point was at a premium. But if an angler confines his fishing to periods unattractive to the camping set, or to the late night tides when most family men are sleeping, this stretch of waterfront can be worked at a leisurely pace with an excellent chance of enjoying stimulating sport on stripers, weakfish or bluefish.

The vast majority of the fishermen who regularly work this area confine their efforts to the beach between the main point itself and the slight indentation of the shore found on the west end of the rocks. The bottom formation at the Point consists of sand, while a hundred yards or so west this clean, sandy bottom gives way to a stretch of rocks and boulders for a distance of several hundred feet before returning to sand and loose gravel. For the purpose of this article, I will refer to the Point as the sandy area and the rocks as the area to the west.

Because the Point is comprised of loose shifting sands, the bottom configuration is extremely susceptible to change. Major storms frequently alter the formation of the bar, often confusing anglers who plan to fish a rip at a certain stage of the tide, only to find that it is non-existent. Generally, the dropping tide is the preferred time to fish Shagwong, but there have been years when the incoming water has produced a better rip and, therefore, more rewarding efforts. The key lies in the formation of the bar. At times, the bar is formed so that the outgoing rip makes up too far off the beach to be of benefit to the surfman. During periods when this is the case, the incoming rip often proves to be the most productive time for fishing. The bar should be studied at the beginning of each season and if possible, after each major storm. If this is not practical (especially with the cost of gas), plan your trip for the ebb tide for the rocks can always be fished at this tide. This is because the bottom formation of the area referred to as the rocks is more resistant to the forces of change. Here, the major portion of the fishing activity occurs when the falling tide rushes through the boulders washing the bait fish to the lurking game fish hidden in the eddies formed by a maze of various sized rocks.

Since the tides at Shagwong are considered to be an hour later than the tides at the Lighthouse, many hard-working surfmen will fish "Up Front" at the initial stages of the outgoing tide. If little action takes places, they will then make the run to Shagwong to catch the final hours of the falling tide. This is a good practice which has worked successfully in the past, but on at least two occasions, we missed the fish by the time we got to Shag. Fishing buddies in vehicles equipped with CB radios can cover various areas of Montauk and keep each other informed as to fishing activity in the different locations.

Basically, the Point is fished with heavy tackle, especially if the rip lies some distance off the beach; while the rocks can be fished with smaller swimming plugs and, therefore, lighter tackle. On many occasions a long cast is required to reach the more active part of the rip at the point; also when fishing the rocks it is sometimes necessary to reach the ledge beyond the visible boulders. Rather than resort to heavier tackle, a surfman can lessen the gap by wading into the water. The latter area is comparatively safe, while the bar at the Point can be treacherous even for those anglers who fish this area regularly. I know of at least one angler who has been swept off the bar when trying to gain a better position amongst the crowd on this narrow strip of shifting sand. A wet suit and/or a companion is strongly advised when pushing out any distance at the point.

Darters are the preferred nighttime lure when casting distance is required and the rip is flowing at its greatest strength. At other times, metal lip swimmers such as the Atom and Danny plugs or the seven inch versions of the old standby Rebels and RedFins are more often selected.

Whereas the rip off the Point most often requires tackle somewhat on the heavy side, the sandy cove found just to the west of the Point, before the rocks begin, can be worked with lighter tackle and smaller lures. When the top-water plugs are not producing the desired results, a change to lures which will operate closer to the bottom will often achieve better results. Many times when the surface lures are yielding only weakfish, a switch to deeper working lures will prove that bass are lying beneath the actively feeding weaks dining on the leftovers. Sinking Rebels, MirrOLures or weighted RedFins are lures which have proven effective in this area when the more commonly used surface swimmers have failed.

When fishing the rocks, most anglers confine their selection of lures to top-water plugs for the obvious reason that sinking lures will snag the underwater obstructions. In contrast to the Point where most anglers maintain one position and fish it through the tide, the rocks should be worked by moving along the beach with the tide. By starting at the western-most edge of this area at the start of the ebb, the surfcaster can work his way towards the east with the dropping tide. Each area

should be covered thoroughly by casting up-tide at a 45° angle, letting the plug swing to the right while making sure to work each swirl and eddy formed by the submerged boulders. After covering the whole section thoroughly, go back to the beginning and start over again. The difference this time is that the angler should wade deeper into the water covering a fresh area the receding tide will allow him to reach.

Although most of my fishing at Shagwong is confined to the hours of darkness when stripers and weakfish are the quarry, daylight fishing can often be rewarding on other highly regarded surf species. Bluefish are frequently encountered during the dawn and dusk periods, while in early summer fantastic fishing can usually be had catching fluke on bucktails or small Hopkins and Kastmaster lures bounced along the bottom. Besides filling the cooler with tasty fillets, much enjoyment can be had playing these lively flatfish on light tackle.

The size of the bluefish, from what I've seen, tend to be smaller than those fish found "Up Front," but the tackle employed can be scaled down to take full advantage of their fierce fighting capabilities. Since there are no obstructions to contend with at the Point, playing these strong battlers in the surging rips can provide considerable enjoyment.

During the autumn months, winds from the northern quarter are preferred, for they tend to push the migrating bait close to the shore line where they are preyed upon by game fish fattening for their southward journey. At such times, heavy tackle is needed to cope with this wind in your face. After a day or so of strong northerly winds, the water tends to become roiled with a resulting decline in fishing success. It is during the summer months when the predominant winds are from a southerly direction that light tackle or fly rods can be used with ease, for the winds at your back greatly aids in casting light lures.

Striped bass usually make their appearance at Shagwong shortly after May 1, with the action peaking during the first half of June. As the bass activity declines, the weakfish arrive in substantial numbers to fill in the gap, becoming the predominant species the second half of June. Who can forget the fantastic weakfishing to be had in this area in June of '75? The weaks are soon joined by the fluke and blues, but while the fluke settle down to take up residence, the bluefish will come and go as is their nature. The heat of July and August see a decline in this fast-paced action, but fish can be picked throughout the summer until the upswing begins with the renewed activity in preparation for the fall run. During most years, striped bass continue to be taken into the month of December when an angler will be hard-pressed to find a companion to share the beach with.

For those newcomers to the complexities of surf fishing Montauk, as well as old-timers seeking the latest information on the surf scene, stop by and talk to Johnny at Kronuch's Tackle Shop. This meeting place for most East End surfmen is located on the eastern edge of the Town of Montauk right on the main road leading to this surfman's paradise. Being a surfcaster himself, Johnny keeps an ear tuned to the latest happenings along the waterfront.

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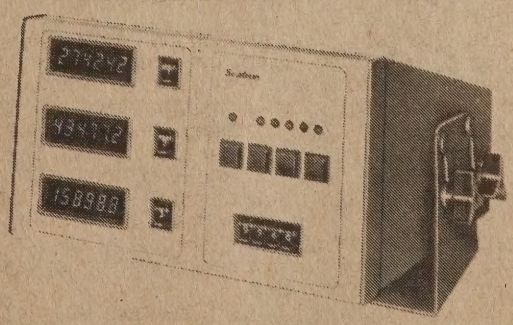

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Sinker Bouncing with Matt Ahern

SEABASS

To acknowledge that sea bass are popular with sinker bouncers would be gilding the lily. If you've caught these purple warriors while dunking bait on the offshore grounds, I'm sure you agree with that. Sea bass need no publicity agent. While few are caught today when compared to years past, there is always some action each summer in good fishing areas. Most are taken in the deeper areas when fishing the offshore Long Island and New Jersey grounds. At times, strays are caught by shore anglers when fishing close to the ocean. I've occasionally seen beautiful humpbacks come up—three and four pounders—in Shinnecock Canal (I should be so lucky) and also from Shinnecock, Debs, and Rockaway Inlets; even in shallow-water Quogue Canal. But these outsize fish have always been few and far between in such places, so there's not much point in making a special trip to such areas just for humpback bass. In fact, I think it would be extremely foolish to do so. But the day you locate a school of sea bass around a wreck or other piece of obstructed bottom, you have every right to expect your chances of connecting with a humpback or two are good. We'll get into specialized humpback fishing a little later; but for now, let's take a look at ordinary sea bass.

It has been said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and I guess that's true enough. But in the case of the sea bass, there can be no mistake. I believe every fisherman will agree it is a beautiful fish. For my money, it is the best looking fish we sinker bouncers entice to our baited hooks. Let's see if you agree with this in the following description.

Its color is blue-black (called indigo, by some) with the center of each scale either pale blue or white, which gives the appearance of longitudinal stripes along the back and sides. You'll find these scales rough to the touch (called ctenoid by our fishery scientists), and these extend to the base of all fins—those about the head and cheeks being smaller in size.

The dorsal fin is continous and the forward part consists of ten strong, sharply-pointed spines—how sharp and pointed these are you will quickly discover if you become careless in your handling. The aft section of the dorsal is soft and contains eleven rays, usually higher than the forward spines. The complete dorsal is blue-black with several pale stripes extending along both spinous and softer parts. The anal fin consists of three strong spines and seven soft rays.

Most sea bass have several bluish streaks in front of the eye, or just below. Notice the word "most" because this particular characteristic does not always apply. I recall one day when Artie Leidecker and I were fishing the Sea Bright, New Jersey grounds when most all our bass lacked these streaks. Because of this, I believe there may possibly be two strains of our common sea bass.

The mouth of a sea bass is moderately large, following the trait of all bass. The teeth are pointed, but small, and lie in bands which extend to the roof of the mouth. You'll find these fish quite accommodating at hook removal time. No one, to my knowledge, has ever been bitten by a frisky sea bass.

Its tail is dusky and in the form of a lazy "S". You'll find large fish usually carry a trailing ray. Large males have a hump on the nape (hence the name) and during the breeding season (June, July, August) this becomes either a brilliant blue or irridescent green. This coloration against the dark blue of the fish is quite noticeable and cannot possibly be overlooked. Breeding seldom occurs before the fish is twelve inches in length, although I've caught several breeders that were smaller than this.

Certainly, with all this coloration, there can be no doubt that sea bass are indeed handsome.

I hope I'm not boring you with all this, but there's nothing like knowing your fish if you wish to put zest in your fishing. Quite possibly you wish I'd get to the meaty parts now; but bear with me, for we've yet to consider the enigma of this fish.

The sea bass is one of Nature's creatures which finds it unnecessary to travel to Denmark or Sweden for a sex change. (I knew I'd perk you up with that, so pay attention now.) It is doubtful, however, if the bass has any control over this phenomenon. One fisherman of my acquaintance claimed it was just one of those flukes in Nature that occur without rhyme or reason.

I can hardly believe that, for I'm firmly convinced Mother Nature does nothing without good reason. We may not understand the why and wherefores of what we consider her oddball behavior at any given moment, but rest assured her reasons are sound and no end capable—else we and every living thing would have perished eons ago.

And certainly this on-again, off-again sex changing must indeed be highly successful, for up until the time of devastation caused by the foreign fleet, sea bass were one of the most populous fish of interest to the sinker bouncer.

It has been my observation over the years that of the thousands of sea bass that went into my bucket, few females were as large as the male fish I landed. Now this may not appear earth-shaking until one realizes that in most other species of fish, just the opposite applies. Those outsize cod we catch are nearly always female, as are those doormat fluke, flounder, etc. Because of spawning requirements, I'm sure female fish must, of necessity, be larger than males. I can understand that. But why should this not apply to sea bass, too? I believe the answer to this, if it is ever found, will prove most interesting.

These phenomena have always struck me as highly unusual and over the years I've cast about for an answer on my own. As a common, ordinary run-of-the-mill observant fisherman, what follows is pure conjecture on my part and is offered only for what it is worth to those fellows more advanced than I.

It is my belief that when a natural, predetermined number of these on-again, off-again sex changes have taken place, the female finally reaches a plateau in its growth and will remain a male and continue to grow as such. This is my thought on why large sea bass are nearly always male. This, of course, fits too neatly and is therefore suspect; but it is the best I've been able to come up with.

Okay, enough of that for now. Let's get to catching sea bass.

Always look for these fish around obstructions. Rarely will open bottom harbor sea bass in any quantity. Forget sand, gravel, and mud as places with potential. Mussel beds sometimes produce, but it is better to fish those areas that contain rock-studded bottom, ledges, and sunken wrecks.

For best results, make it a point to fish deep water—the deeper, the better. The sea bass is one fish that likes plenty of water overhead. This is one reason shallow water areas cannot be considered consistent sea bass producers.

Long Island Sound is a good bet, as are those rock piles and wrecks found off Long Island and New Jersey. Montauk is good, and so is Sea Bright, New Jersey, and similar areas. The Cholera Bank used to be excellent, but in recent years, sea bass quality and quantity has fallen off. Where we used to catch buckets full from this area, the fish caught now can be counted on one hand. But regardless of where you decide to fish, make sure there is no pollution. Sea bass are worse than flounder in this respect.

Tackle is no problem. Any medium weight boat rod equipped with matching reel filled with at least one hundred yards of good quality twenty or thirty pound test mono will do. My advice is not to use spinning

tackle because of the conditions often encountered: possible strong currents, deep water, and so forth. You will need heavy sinkers to combat these conditions (five to eight ounces) and using spinning tackle in such places leaves much to be desired.

Terminal tackle requirements are simple; so don't attempt to make them complicated. Hooks can be fairly large and you'll find the regular-shanked Sproat in sizes 3/0 to 5/0 work fine, with preference leaning to 4/0. These should be on ten or twelve inch snells of thirty or forty pound test material.

These lengths are all you need. Don't use long leaders, especially when wreck fishing. Snagging is common in all good sea bass areas, and using long leaders is only a liability.

Rigging up is simple. Use the popular deep sea, two-hook rig at all times for best results; it has proven most effective on sea bass. Simply make a one inch loop with a double-overhand knot about a snell's length above the sinker and place your bottom hook there. Make another loop high enough so that your second hook clears the first without snarling. And that's all there is to it.

You'll find most bass will hit the high hook, especially when wreck fishing. Three-way swivels and other hardware should be kept in the tackle box—or at least given minimal use. They only aid in fouling, so why make it easier to do than it is.

I've always found skimmer and squid make the best bait. Cut skimmer lengthways into half-inch slices and make sure some of the soft stomach remains with each piece. Squid should be cut into half-inch-wide slices and the hook woven through two or three times and left exposed. If you allow a half-inch or so to dangle in the current, you'll find this is most attractive to the larger bass. Tapping each piece of squid gently with a mallet to release the oils and juices will sometimes work wonders.

When using either of these baits, you will receive more strikes if you jig gently with the rod tip. On slack water, use a four ounce diamond jig and flash it about two feet above bottom. You may get your largest fish this way.

Here's a method I used in the long ago and again as recently as last summer. Select the largest and liveliest killie you can find and run the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover. Lower the rig to the bottom in any known sea bass area, put your reel into free spool and place your thumb lightly on the spool. And wait.

You've got to have patience and I know if you see other fishermen reeling up average sized sea bass this is a difficult thing to do. But if you are lucky, your killie may be found immediately (happens quite often), but don't despair if it isn't. If there's a humpback around, you'll know it by sudden pressure on the spool as the fish attempts to swim off with the bait. Lift your thumb and allow the mono to peel smoothly from the reel. If your line is not free-flowing, the cagey bass will drop the bait. So take care.

When the fish stops, the line will often begin to quiver—so get ready. It will now turn the bait around and attempt to swallow it head first. It may or may not leisurely swim off once more. If it does, let it—don't alarm the fish! However, when swallowing is completed, the fish will forget all caution and immediately take off with a powerful burst of speed. All you have to do then is throw the reel into gear. Doing this will automatically set the hook with no further effort on your part. Hang on, for a large humpback will battle you every inch of the way.

One more thing: if you are fishing where obstructions are not too bad, you can employ a three-foot leader tied in about two feet above the sinker. You'll find this often works well on larger, more cautious fish.

Sea bass made a comeback several years ago, then began to diminish again. How this year will be is hard to foretell. But there are always some around and you ought to keep it in mind. It's great fishing!

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THE BIG ONE WE LET SWIM AWAY

by Capt. Frank Mundus

Everybody has heard stories of the one that got away, but how much truth was there in it? How exact was the story told? Were the details stretched? Was the fish blown up to make the story better? Well, what you are about to read is the exact positive story of the last big white shark that we let swim away.

This was on a four-day trip aboard the Cricket II; the time was June, 1977; the days were 27, 28, 29 and 30. The place was northeast of what we call the dumping ground, about sixty miles east and a little to the south off Montauk Point, Long Island.

The crew was Yours Truly and his mate Dick Bracht. Angling was Bob Boggs, the writer of that crazy book "Monster Man," which is now on the stands as the "Shark Man" in hard cover.

To complete our bunch of idiots, we had to have somebody to shoot f.11 at 100; this is where Gordon Rynders came in. Gordon, who works for the Daily News as a photographer, was loaded for bear, even though I told him that we were going for white sharks.

The Cricket II was loaded up with all the things necessary for a trip. Spending four days, sixty miles offshore with three other idiots takes a lot of preparation. I won't go into all the cans of beans and soda department, but will just give you an item of fuel and ice. These things are more important than the beans. If you don't think so, then try to make that propeller turn without them. We strapped two extra drums of the precious liquid on board, then put five cakes of ice in a large box in the center of the cockpit and headed our crab car towards the horizon.

The first day the weather treated us like we were tourists: it was flat calm all the way out. We were just about there when we came upon a basking shark sunning himself on the surface. He wasn't a big one, but he sure was the right thing to have hanging alongside in case Mr. White showed up. For some reason, all the sharks like the meat of the basking shark. We harpooned him and dragged him the last couple hours of the trip. This slowed us up some because all of him (about 1500 lbs.) was in the water. That season we got seven of them, with the biggest going over 4000 lbs. The estimate on the weight is as close as we can get.

Gordon got some good underwater shots of the basking shark. He invented what he called his Chicken Pole. There is a trigger on it and a turning knob that lets you not only shoot the picture as far underwater as you can push the long Chicken Pole, but also with the turning knob the distance is adjusted. The name he gave it, "Chicken Pole," was pretty good because if you wasn't chicken you would go over the side, like Peter Gimbel did with the sharks. Someday I'll tell you all about that also.

As the Cricket II came galloping over the horizon, the sun was sinking on the other end. We picked our spot and camped there for the night. This spot was going to be our home for the next four days, or should I say the next three-and-one-half days.

The boat didn't rock or roll at all; there was no movement whatever, and it was so flat you could play marbles on the deck.

Gordon was busy with his camera gear. Boggsie ol' boy was cutting up bait and Dickie was working on some last minute tackle and I was very busy chewing on my toothpick looking into the Crystal Ball.

We didn't have to wait too long before we had our first few blue sharks show up under the boat. This was a good sign because the more blue sharks that you have, the better the chances are of finding Big Daddy. As the day drew to a close we were getting more and more of the blue sharks under the boat, and by the time the sandman came to the rest of the world, we had them so thick under the boat that you couldn't see through them.

We had to hang the basking shark as high out of the water as we could so the blue sharks wouldn't pick their teeth on him. This was a job in itself. The Cricket II has a center mast and we pick up our fish with it like the rest of the boats do with their gin poles. The only difference is that our mast is twenty-five feet above the water. This gives us a better height and we can pick up more weight also. Well, we got him up as high as we could and his head and gill plates were still in the water. The blue sharks started to tear into him almost as fast as the chickens would pick up the corn. There was nothing we could do about this; if they wanted to make pigs out of themselves, we couldn't stop them. They were so thick that when one shark started to stick his head out of the water to take a bite, another one would bite into him. This biting was what you would call love bites (a hickey, I think it's called) to get the attention of the other one, just to get him out of the way. Their teeth wouldn't tear into the other's hide unless the other guy didn't pay attention—then there would be teeth marks. Towards the end of this nice guy stuff, the party got pretty sloppy and they forgot their table manners altogether. They were fighting so hard towards the end that you could see some of them swimming around under the boat with torn dorsals, shredded up pectorals, hunks torn out of their sides, busted tails and there was one that reminded me of someone I knew with one eye that was hanging out of his head, but still attached.

That first night was just something else: the moon was full and the water flat. About midnight was when Gordon should have taken pictures, but it just couldn't be done. The great, big, full moon was laying out there directly in our slick where all the blue sharks were. And then it happened—the sharks got to the stomach of the basking shark, in spite of how high we had it hung. The liver was broken open and it floated on top like a marshmallow in your hot chocolate. One shark tore into it only to have it bust into fifteen pieces, as it was very soft. Fifteen sharks hit those fifteen pieces and they busted up again in more pieces, and so it went on until the surface of the water for about a couple square city blocks was a mass of thrashing, eating, bunch of sharks. All this was going on directly in the bright full moon so you could see the action like it was daylight. I got Dickie up from a sound sleep to see this mess. I told him that this was the most sharks I have ever seen all in one spot and all on top at the same time.

Well, we got into the second day with pretty much the same thing. The weather had changed somewhat

and we had a light wind with a slight bit of movement to the boat. The highlight of that day was the cleaning up after breakfast. I had made the boys some ham and eggs and when we were finished, I went to wash the pan by simply reaching over the side and splashing it around like I have done plenty times before. This time was different, because I couldn't get the pan in the water without three or four sharks grabbing it at the same time. The basking shark was eaten up so high during the night that they couldn't get any more to eat and at daylight, they were snapping at everything they could see. The frying pan scene got to be so funny that Gordon took a few roles of 8mm movies of it and they came out great. The rest of that day was spent looking down at all those blue sharks, and as the day went on, more came. We caught four or five and hung them overboard for teasers in case a big white showed up.

The last rod and reel white shark we got was for Harry Hoffman. The 1,045 lb. white came up to the dead blue sharks we had hanging and took a hunk out whenever he wanted it.

All that day nothing but blue sharks. And all the second night was more blue sharks. We had to keep replacing the ones we had hanging overboard because other blue sharks were eating them.

Halfway into the third day, Dickie saw what he thought was a small white shark way back in the slick under all those blue sharks. We had to gamble and lower the basking shark in hope that it would make the white come close to the boat and feed. As you can see, with all those blue sharks around, it was impossible to get a bait to another fish without them getting it first. So the trick is to try to get the one you want as close to the boat as you can, then drop the bait right in his mouth. Well, it was a false alarm. The fish that Dickie saw was a dusky and from that distance it looked like a small white about six to seven hundred pounds. The only thing we did was to give them pesty blue sharks another good portion of the basking shark. We lifted the basking shark up out of reach again and went through the day hoping for the right one to come along.

Now came the third night—the night that it was to happen. It was close to two o'clock in the morning with Boggsie ol' boy on deck feeding his flock of blue sharks. We all had taken our turn on deck and were all settled down in our sacks doing what we do best, when I heard Bobby ol' boy say in a loud, clear voice: FRANK, HERE HE IS! HE'S HERE. I jumped out of the bunk and spun around to look out into the cockpit. I saw Bob standing there with the chum ladle in his hand in a straight arm pointing at the water. The look on his face told me the story—the same story that I have seen on other people's faces when they come face to face with a couple thousand pounds of fish. Before I could get one boot on, Bob said to me, "Wait a minute; I might have been seeing things." No way I said to him, you've seen him, he is there.

"Hello der' Big Daddy!"

In a flash of what was going to happen, my mind could see the drunken fire drill that was going to come in the next few seconds. As I bellowed out in a loud voice that could have woke up the dead, LET'S GO, Dickie, LET'S GO, Gordon, GET UP HE'S HERE. I made sure that I was already on my way out of the cabin before I lit the fuse that set the bomb off. I was out on deck with Dickie right behind me as Gordon was wiping the sleep out of his eyes and trying to figure out how he got into this mess in the first place.

Bobby ol' boy was still mumbling something about it might have been his imagination, when I looked over the side and there she was making another pass under the boat. I turned to Bobby and said, HERE COMES YOUR IMAGINATION AGAIN. The fish was a white shark in the two to three thousand pound class. By the looks of the fish it was a female because of the large girth.

She was in no hurry to go anyplace and the blue sharks knew that also. The blue sharks also knew that if she wasn't in a hurry, she wasn't hungry either. Any smaller fish knows just by looking at the Big Guy whether or not the Big Guy is going to try to gobble him up or not. We can only guess at it, but that little guy better be sure or he won't be able to guess again. The animals do it all the time. You have seen movies of a herd of zebras with a lion walking around them close by, but when the zebras sense the lion is getting hungry, they hit the road. So my guess and the knowledge of the blue sharks was right. They let her swim in and out and didn't scatter at all.

We have seen a lot of these big brutes come out of nowhere, pass under the boat and disappear again just like they were a phantom. They are so big and so slow that you can't see them swim at all. Plus the fact that they don't make a sound or

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Her first pass under the boat came in from out there somewhere in the dark, murky water. The first thing you see is a different color; a large, light brown blob coming towards the boat. The color gets larger and larger till it turns into a figure of a head, then comes a very large, fat body that is well attached to it. The full moon lights up the surface of the water, but you can't see deep in the water away from the boat. It is not until the fish gets into the deck lights close to the boat that you can really see the gleam in her eyes. It is a funny feeling to have a fish that big pass right under your feet. The cockpit of the Cricket II is deep and when you are standing on deck, you are only standing about six inches off the water. Sometimes you get the feeling that the dorsal fin will cut one foot off as it passes under.

All night long this went on and the only thing we could do was to wait for daylight. To try anything in the night would either be craziness or suicide.

All night, we had a half dozen blue sharks hanging by their tails over the side as bait in case she did get hungry. This little trick did work for us with the last one we caught, which was Harry Hoffman's 1,045 lb. Rod and Reel white shark.

We had to keep changing the dead sharks we had hanging over the side because the blue sharks were chewing on them all the time. This was easy to do as we had all of them that we wanted. In fact, it was very simple to get a fresh one. We took a short piece of rope about three feet long with a short piece of wire and a hook with a bait, put the rope on the stern bit and threw the bait in the water. It only took seconds before a blue shark took the bait, got hooked, and hung himself. He would thrash around for a few minutes and after he tore off three more layers of paint off the side of the boat, he would stop. When he stopped, the others would start to chew on him—and so it went on all night. Sometimes a 150 lb. blue shark would only last fifteen to twenty minutes before there was nothing left but the head and hook that he was caught on.

From two o'clock until daylight, she stayed with us; most of the time she was hanging back in the slick. The count, if we got it right, was six times up and under the boat all night. Two of those passes were in second gear; for some reason she was pouring on the coal when she went zooming under the boat. It was then that we thought that she was getting hungry and was chasing a blue shark. But if she was hungry, why didn't she take a hunk out of one of the blue sharks we had hanging over the side?

We had a large bait all ready. It was two fillets of a blue shark on a double-hook rig. It weighed about thirty pounds. There were a couple of times that she came up under the blue sharks that were on the surface. The bait was thrown overboard; in seconds, there were four or five blue sharks eating and chewing at the bait. The bait had to be lifted back into the boat fast to keep from hooking the blue sharks. In plain English, we couldn't get the bait to the white shark because there were so many blue sharks on top eating, and the white shark was deep. Our only chance was to have the white shark get hungry, like H. Hoffman's. His fish came up to the boat and those blue sharks ran for the nearest bomb shelter. When this happens, you can drop the bait right in his mouth.

Daylight came—our last chance to do it. It was our last can of chum; besides that we had a long trip ahead of us to get home.

It was shortly after daylight that she really put on a show for us—kind of what you would call a Grand Finale. It was then that we could have harpooned her if we wanted to. But our plans were to get a rod and reel fish or nothing at all.

She came straight up from the deep this time, towards the blue sharks that we had hanging on the stern bit. Not being in any rush at all, she opened her mouth and grabbed the blue shark in the center, and in the same slow movement, turned the blue shark sideways. In this way she was looking straight up at us, with the blue shark's head sticking out one side of her mouth and the tail out the other side. The way she was laying there motionless, not even blinking one of those little beady eyes was creepy. Now if that fish could talk she would have said, "If I was real hungry all I would have to do is bite hard and I could bite your blue shark in half!" With this, you could see her muscles in the side of her face tighten up and let loose at the same time. Her next movement came when she said, "Now that I got your blue shark in my mouth, all I have to do is to shake my head and I will tear it apart." With that, she shook her head slightly to show us that she could, and spit out the blue shark. After spitting out that blue shark like you would a chicken bone, she turned towards the bow and headed for the bottom. The only damage she did to that 150 lb. blue shark was to put teeth marks three-quarters of an inch wide in it.

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MAKO TIME!

by Ron Onorato

One of the much awaited events of the year for the offshore fishermen, is the arrival of the mako shark into local waters. The arrival of the mako is greeted with the same enthusiasm by the offshore clan as is the arrival of the striped bass to the inshore fishermen, and to a certain degree, the two species are remarkably similar in their characteristics, especially the larger of the species. Both are not very plentiful, and in some instances, are just plain scarce. Both are very selective in their feeding habits and in order to be consistently successful, great attention must be paid to details in both bait presentation as well as the terminal tackle. Under normal conditions you are hard pressed to put a fish in the boat, while at those very rare occasions when the fish forget they are hard to catch, you might take several.

The mako shark has been a long time favorite of the shark fisherman for several reasons. As far as fishing ability, the mako shark has no peer for making those screeching runs and heart stopping leaps. As far as endurance, perhaps only the great white has more muscle. Not only in its fighting ability but in its eating qualities lies the other great quality of this fish. Fresh baked or broiled mako steak is perhaps one of the finest tasting fish meals available on Long Island, comparable to, and in the opinion of many, surpassing that of even the swordfish. The demand for the mako is reflected in the dockside prices offered for a dressed fish.

The mako, like most other sharks, prefers warm but not hot water temperatures. While most other sharks can be caught at high water temperature, the makos take off when the temperature gets much above the 72 degree level. Hammerheads, blues, duskies, and tigers can be caught pretty much the summer round despite the warm water levels. Usually the first mako will show up in local waters around the end of June and remain throughout much of July. Although an occasional fish will be caught during the month of August, this is not the prime time to try for them. When the cooler water temperatures of September arrive, it is possible to get a shot at the fish again, but they are really spaced thin.

The mako, like most other sharks, feeds and locates it prey primarily through smell, and to a certain degree by sound. However, unlike the other sharks, the mako has a little better vision. This differing characteristic calls for greater attention when rigging baits. Whereas you might be able to get away with a sloppy mackerel rig for the other sharks, the rigged bait for a mako must be carefully presented. We'll take a look at the proper rigging of a mackerel as well as other fish baits, the terminal tackle, and other minor techniques that might very well spell the difference between success and failure.

The starting point of every shark expedition takes place long before the boat leaves the dock. One of the biggest causes of fish loss is defective tackle or other equipment. It is a shame to spend the time and money on the fish and only lose it in the end because of defective equipment. If you are serious about putting a good fish in the boat, things better be pretty well straightened out ahead of time.

The first place to start is with the boat itself. In these days of rising gas prices you will find yourself trying to skimp as much as possible and not go with the tanks filled up. This is the worst possible thing to do offshore because you don't know what you're going to run in to. Last year there were several boats that got into a good fish and because of weather conditions ran dry before they reached the inlets. Full gas tanks, a working CB and VHF, and a finely tuned engine are the first requisites for a safe trip.

Terminal tackle and rigging is the biggest area of failure when mako fishing. Because of the nature of the fish, you are going to lose a couple of fish no matter how careful you are. What you don't want to do is lose the fish that belong in the boat due to carelessness. You can use a wide range of tackle depending on the size of the fish, size of the boat, etc. Fishing from a small boat without the aid of a fighting chair, you will find a 4/0 reel spooled with 50 pound mono about adequate for almost anything that may come aboard. Makos up to 400 pounds have been landed on gear of this type. If you feel that this might be a little bit on the light side, then you might want to try a 6/0 with either 60 or 80 pound mono. This heavier reel will take its toll on the arms and wrists during any standup battle that lasts for any length of time. In any case, the drag must be silk smooth and the reel should be filled to capacity. A really good mako can take a lot of line on that smoking first run so you don't want to be caught short. Make sure that when the line gets a little used to re-spool the reel with new mono line. When you consider the cost of the trip, the price for new mono is really quite low.

Leader failure is another area that is so critical for landing a good fish. While every shark fisherman has his own ideas about leaders, here is a good bet to start out with. The better vision of the mako makes it necessary to use lighter leader. I find that 180 pound wire in the dull finish, to be adequate under almost any circumstances. It seems that the dull finish of the wire leader will draw more strikes from a mako than will the bright, shiny leader. This is especially true when the water visibility is clear and there is a bright sun overhead. Twenty foot lengths are about right, although you may want to shorten or lengthen them a little. The leader is attached to the hook by means of the haywire twist. The open end of the wire leader is attached to a 150-200 pound black barrel swivel by means of the same haywire twist.

Another critical area of the terminal rigging involves hook selection. Every mako fisherman has his own favorite hook that he uses so we won't belabor the point. I find that a plain 14/0' Shaugnessey Triple XXX tinned hook to fill the bill in most instances. Some fishermen like to use the curved eye tuna hooks in the larger sizes. This is really a matter of personal preference.

While a mako will take almost any fish bait, two baits are used primarily by the fisherman. By far and away, the mackerel is the number one choice of the majority of the fishermen. The mackerel is a very oily fish that has a very sharp scent

that makes it very appealing to the shark. A second bait that is just as effective, and perhaps even more so, is a fresh, small bluefish. The bluefish is also a very oily fish and is the mainstay of many of the sharks diet. Makos are especially fond of fresh bluefish. Many people like to stay with the mackerel because it is easier to rig, and because of its smaller size, is easier for the shark to eat. It is hard for a mako to get a bluefish down its gut without feeling the hook.

The way to rig the mackerel is such that the hook does not show, but is exposed enough to make penetration when the time to hit the fish comes. Since the mackerel will be frozen, the first thing to do is get it as soft as possible before rigging. When the fish is soft, take the end of the wire leader that has the barrel swivel, and force it through the vent of the mackerel until the barrel swivel comes out through the mouth of the bait. Pull the wire leader through the bait until the hook is snug right against the body of the bait. The hook is then turned inward into the fish so that is is flush against the side of the bait. The hook is then held in place with a tiny piece of fine mono tied around the body of the bait. Rigged in this manner, the hook is not at all visible, but can still penetrate the tough jaw of the fish. Rigging a bluefish is a little harder because of the length and width of the bait. What I do is rig the wire through both eye sockets of the blue and insert the hook once through the shoulder of the bait. If the bait is exceptionally large, it is cut in half around midsection, with the head part of the fish being used. This works out very well because when the stomach of the blue is cut, it will ooze out a steady stream of blood and this acts as a double attractor for the fish. In my opinion, fresh bluefish will outdraw the mackerel as far as hits go, but you'll nail more fish on the mackerel.

Chumming is another part of this whole operation that is so important, yet gets so little attention from the fisherman. When chumming for blues, you want a good heavy stream of chum going because there are going to be a lot of fish eating the chum. Not so with the mako, more often than not, you're going to be working on a single fish, and you don't want to overfeed the fish with the chum. What you want is a light but steady flow of chum that will get the fish to rise to the bait and not lay back in the slick and feed on the tidbits. If you feel energetic, you can dole out the chum by the ladle. You should water down the chum as much as possible. Figure four hours worth of chumming for each can of chum. What a lot of people have been doing lately is using the chum frozen and hanging it over the side of the boat in a fine mesh bag. This seems to be a pretty good idea since there is always a steady stream of chum going, and it is not that heavy since only tiny bits of the frozen chum will flow out, and it eliminates a lot of the mess that goes with the conventional chumming. This also works well when a fish is hooked and there is a lot of confusion on the boat. With the mesh chum bag there will be no interruption of the chum slick as the fish is being fought. A final word about chumming and selection of a place to start fishing. All the makos in the ocean are not congregated in just one place, so pick a spot well away from any other boats in the area. I don't even start chumming if there is another boat in sight. My best mako fishing has been when there were no other boats on the horizon.

Mako sharks will bite better on certain days when weather conditions might seem to be a little off. Cloudy days with a brisk east wind has produced very well. A day with a stiff south or southwest wind also has shown reasonably good results. A northwest, north, or northeast wind has shown very little activity with mako, or for that matter most sharks. It seems that the cooling breeze does something temporarily to the water temperature, and this in turn throws the sharks off course.

The most critical point of this fishing lies in gaffing the fish. If you managed to survive the leaps and scorching runs of the fish, you should be able to land the fish without too much trouble since he will be pretty well tired out. Fish under 300 pounds are usually not that much trouble. They are hit with the flying gaff and secured to the side of the boat by head and tail ropes, or hoisted on the gin pole if one is had. When you get to the over 300 pound fish, you might have some trouble not so much in gaffing the fish, but in figuring out what to do with the creature if you don't have a gin pole. The fish should be roped off head and tail until it is time to head back. You can then keep him tied alongside the boat or you can tow him if he is exceptionally large. This is when you will appreciate that extra gas.

Author with 178-lb. Mako Shark taken off Montauk last year.

Everyman's Marlin—
The SHARK!

by Bruce Sucher

★Part One★

For many years, the blue water offshore fishing scene was dominated by the large inboard-powered Sportsfisherman. The Matthews, Hatteras, Bertram and magnificent Rybovich belonged to the "If you have to ask how much it costs, you can't afford it" income bracket. Fortunately for us, technology and a growing need combined to produce the quality Fiberglas hulls and high-powered outboards. Some of these boats were engineered for the serious offshore fisherman with deep V-hulls and enough flotation cells sandwiched into their design to make them virtually unsinkable. And most important, all of this within the economic reach of a whole new cross section of the fishing community.

Unfortunately for us, the glamorous blue water species like marlin(s), swordfish and giant tuna have become increasingly rare. But if you have the desire to lock horns with a large fish, your odds of success are good if you go after shark. As with any other target species, there are many do's and don'ts. Shark fishing, because of where you'll be doing it and what you hope to be doing it to, has a few more "don'ts" than, say, flounder fishing.

I would not consider offshore fishing in anything less than a seaworthy twenty-one footer. Sure, there are many days when you could get by in less; but seamen on the order of Chicester and Shackleton are far from common. Get caught in an offshore blow in even the highest quality twenty-one footer and you'll be muttering, 'Oh Lord, Your sea is so great and my boat is so small." Believe me, heavy weather in a small boat is a very humbling experience.

Your engine, be it inboard, outboard or I/O should be in tiptop shape. Boats with twin engines are by the nature of the odds, a lot safer, but I would not consider eliminating the single screw from shark fishing. A good VHF radio is another "must." If something goes wrong, you can always get on the horn and call another boat or the USCG. CB radios are all right for inshore chitchat, but they just don't have the range of a good VHF. A quality, accurately adjusted compass is another requirement. You can't get to where you're going or get back without one. You'll be leaving sight of land far behind. And there'll be no road signs where you're going. I always leave my intended course and approximate fishing area with my wife. "If I'm not home by 8PM, call the USCG. My course is 150° out of Jones Inlet to 150' of water." Fortunately, it's never been put to use, but that information could one day save my life. And, of course, standard safety equipment like fire extinguishers, life preservers, throw cushions, flares, etc., should be in perfect condition and accessible.

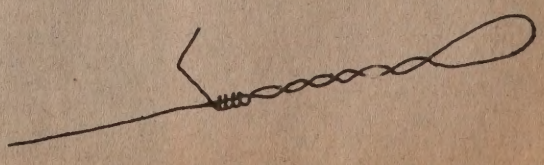
Electronic accessories like depth recorders, C Loran and RDF will simplify navigation and save fuel, but they're not on my "must" list. And all of these necessities are of little value if you do not possess some degree of seamanship and common sense. If a storm is on its way, if winds are expected to exceed fifteen knots—stay inshore and fish for fluke. Better to dump the chum and bait than to take an unnecessary beating, or worse...

A wide range of tackle is good enough for shark fishing. Sure, Penn International and Fenwick rods are a pleasure to use, but for the average shark fisherman much less expensive gear will suffice. A codfish rod and a Penn 4/0 (or its equivalent in quality and line capacity) loaded with fresh thirty or forty pound test Ande will do fine. Roller guides are best suited to handling the line friction caused by a large fish, but standard guides in good condition will get the job done. Your guides, be they of the roller or standard design, should be without grooves or nicks. Anglers will sometimes use a jeweler's loupe or magnifying glass to check for small imperfections that can cause line failure. Rollers that are frozen in place by salt or chum deposits can be a liability. To prevent this from happening, wash all your gear off with fresh water after every trip and give the roller guides a small amount of lubricant.

When anglers think about sharks, they instinctively reach for heavier tackle than the sport requires. Sharks caught off the South Shore of Long Island will rarely exceed two hundred pounds. Tackle in the thirty pound class will do nicely. And if you bury your barb into a jumbo, you can always follow the fish to keep it from stripping your reel. Fifty pound tackle should be the maximum without a fighting chair, and even that gets pretty heavy after you've been fighting a fish for awhile. It turns what should be fun into hard work. A fighting belt—those affairs with cups to rest your butt in to gain arm-saving leverage—is a useful accessory. If your rods are equipped with gimbal nocks, then be sure the cup is designed with a small metal bar that fits the nock. Shoulder harnesses, bucket or kidney harnesses, fighting chairs—the list of useful, but not essential accessories, is long and can run into big bucks. Simple, functional and inexpensive is the way to equip yourself for shark fishing.

Your line, whether it be braided or monofilament, should be of good quality. After every trip it should be checked for nicks and frays. On the way home, I like to let out one hundred yards of line with no terminal gear attached, and slowly retrieve it between my fingers. Any

The Haywire Twist



Loop is for attaching 4/0 black snap swivel. 'Handle' at end of wire should be twisted until it breaks off clean.

bad spots will be detected visually or by touch. Damaged portions will be removed and the good ends blood-knotted together. I allow myself one splice per reel of line. After that, I will garbage can the old and replace it with fresh line.

I attach a 4/0 black snap swivel (American made) to my line with a double clinch knot. Before pulling the wraps tight, I moisten them with saliva. If the knot does not look quite right, cut it off and start again. A gradual strong pressure will work best; no jerking until the knot is snug up. Other good offshore knots include the Bimini Twist and Spider Hitch, but odds are if you know these knots, you're already an experienced shark fisherman.

My leader consists of fifteen feet of #12 coffee colored wire. The standard rule in leader choice is to use one that equals the length of the fish you expect to catch; but with sharks there are other angles to consider. First off, they will frequently roll themselves up in your leader. If you're using a short one, then as soon as that abrasive skin contacts your line, odds are the shark will be lost. You'll probably cut the shark loose anyway, but "100 yard releases" are not usually a matter of angler choice. I also like the long leader, because when I cut a shark free, I lose about two feet of wire. This still leaves me enough to Haywire twist on another hook without starting from scratch.

I dispense with a barrel swivel at the line end of my leader and make a loop instead. This eliminates an unnecessary and possibly weak link. The loop is attached to the 4/0 black snap swivel I mentioned earlier. If your rig is cut too short or is kinked, the fresh wire leadered hook is simply snapped on by means of the loop.

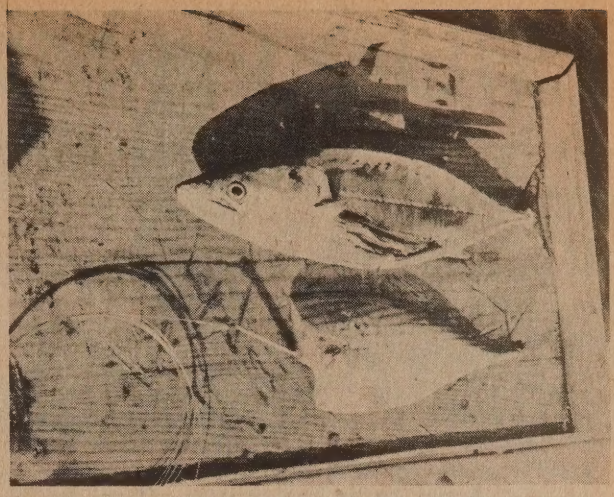
I hope by now you've learned how to make a dependable Haywire twist. I've included a diagram just in case you haven't. The heavy #12 wire is a pain to work with and your hands will feel tired after you've tied six rigs or so. I like to carry a dozen pre-made rigs and also take along an assortment of hooks and additional leader. The store-bought variety are nicely made, but they cost about three times what you can make them for yourself.

I once asked Frank Mundus what size and pattern hook he used for shark. "It depends upon the bait," he replied. Mackerel, I added. "What size mackerel?" I could see we were getting nowhere fast and stopped my questions. And learned the hard way. My favorite hook is a 9/0 Sea Demon with a needle eye by Mustad. I also use the much cheaper 10/0 - 12/0 O'Shaughnessy by Mustad and have never had one straighten out on me. But one day I'm sure, a big fish will wrap itself in my leader and with that added leverage bend the not-very-substantial hook straight. Then I'll use nothing but the Sea Demon.

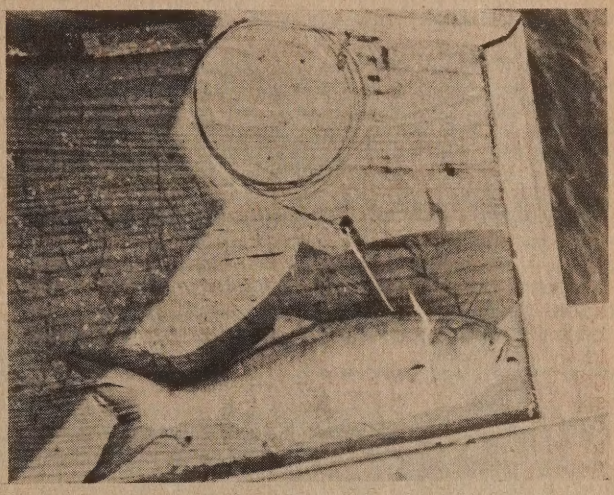
Sharks are not generally hook or leader shy. But I have seen them sniff and bump a bait with their snouts and refuse to take it. Then thrown in an unadorned chunk of mackerel—and watched it inhaled. I prefer hooks that are discolored by a thin film of rust and, as I mentioned, coffee colored wire and black swivels. Some shark fishermen place their hooks in battery acid to remove the high luster finish and promote corrosion, but a dark felt tip pen will do the job.

You're using not very heavy tackle to drive a substantial hook into a tough animal. Sharpen your hooks with either a small metal file or the standard carborundum hook hone. Concentrate on making a triangular shape, like a knife blade, the length of the barb. And make that point sharp enough so when you move it across your thumb nail it leaves a white line.

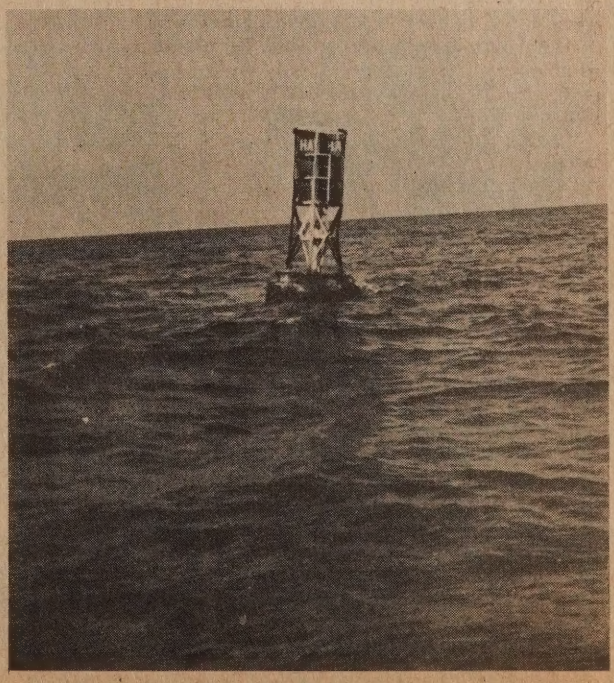
I fish three rods at varying depths and distances from the boat. Sometimes two baits are in the water and a third pre-rigged and baited outfit is held in reserve. Frequently sharks will come up your slick and miss or ignore the other baits. Often, this is the case with blue sharks, but I've had it happen with makos, hammerheads, etc. The third rod held in reserve, or the one closest to the boat is then maneuvered to present the bait. You can watch your offering being taken. It is a moment of truth, guaranteed to jolt even the most



Fresh Bonito fillet is my favorite shark bait.



Small bluefish should be hooked once between the head and dorsal fin.



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I know some anglers that chum until the shark appears and then have the advantage of matching the weight of tackle to the particular fish. In other words, no rigs are in the water until the shark is sighted. It removes the "big fish hits light tackle" possibility from shark fishing. But, and it's a big BUT, I personally feel that many sharks are boat shy and will not come close enough to be seen. So I recommend fishing blind and hope that jumbo has the sense to hit your heaviest outfit.

There are pros and cons for each type of float used to hold your offering in the chum slick. Some anglers prefer a piece of styrofoam that is split halfway with a knife. Your line is wrapped in the cut and when the fish hits, the foam splits releasing the line. Sometimes a ground swell will yank your line with sufficient force to do the same thing. And there's always the possibility of a knot.

Balloons are another favorite. The partially-inflated balloon stem is knotted around your line. When the shark hits, the balloon either bursts or begins to move. In either case, there are some bits of balloon left on your line which some claim will jam a roller guide or your reel. Others say the balloon offers too much resistance to an educated shark and it will spit the bait. I use balloons because they are easy to carry, rarely break without cause, and are inexpensive. Use whichever system you prefer, but beware of making knots in your line.

The depth I fish my rigs depends upon the speed of the drift. When the boat stops, I drop a chunk of bait in the water. Then I will roughly calculate how deep it is at various distances from the boat; say, at one hundred yards, it is fifty feet deep. I'll measure off sixty feet using my arm span as a rough ruler and attach the float. The additional ten feet of line is for line and bait water resistance which will "lift" your rig. Then I'll do the same for fifty yards distance, say thirty-five feet (including leader) and at twenty-five yards from the boat, my bait will be twenty feet deep. Always figure on the shallow side as keeping your bait within the limits of the slick is a priority. If the drift is especially fast, I'll sometimes use a rubber core shot and attach it to the leader near the end loop. For obvious reasons, the outfit with the largest line capacity should be the one you fish furthest from the boat.

I pre-set all my star drags to about one-third the breaking strength of my line. That's through the rod tip, not just off the reel. I attach the bitter end of my line to some immovable object and set my drag accordingly. I do it by feel; but if you're not sure, use a spring-loaded scale.

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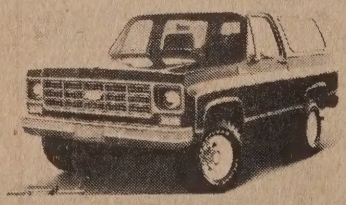

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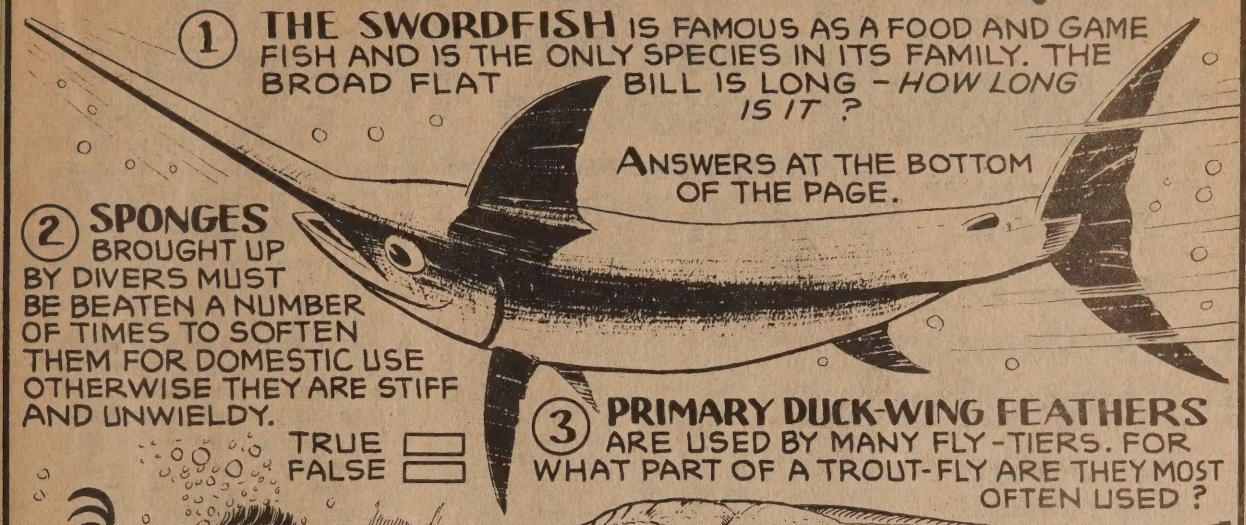

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The Viking Starship enjoyed a fantastic Sunday with cod at Coxes Ledge. Eighteen good cod filled the bulging sack of Al Kelly of E. Rockaway so that he could barely carry them off the boat. Eleven hangers decorated the bridge along with a big pollack. The **Viking Starlite** has been picking away at fluke. It's nothing spectacular, but keeps on improving daily.

Captain Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** now has the Marlin V sailing two, half-day fluke trips, sailing from 8AM to Noon and 1Pm to 5PM. They are fluking in North and Pollack Rips mainly. During the week, they had a good pick everyday but things slowed a bit on the weekend. The boat has been stopping at Shagwong on the way back to the dock to pick away at the fat Montauk flounder.

Captain Warren Hader's charter boat **Devilfish** bagged 55 chopper blues on Saturday and 18 on Sunday. Warren says the water is loaded with sand eels and is working the Block Island area. His machine is marking loads of squid at South-

Doris Bolbin of Jamaica, left, and Ruth McGuder of New Rochelle fill their buckets with jumbo porgies at Gardiner's Island fishing last weekend aboard the "Viking Skipper II" at Montauk.

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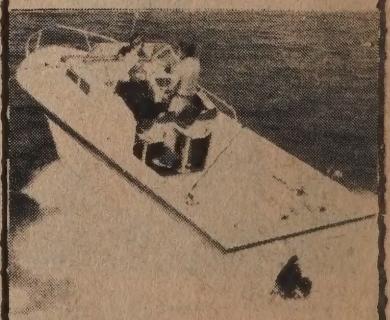

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west Ledge but no blues.

Captain Buddy Dorman's **Viking Skipper II** has been having fair to good porgy fishing despite the northwest winds during the middle of the week. Some fares are filling up 5 gallon buckets. Saturday was slow but Sunday the porgies were chewing really good.

Charter boat **Sea Doll** called to tell us about plenty of blue shark being found offshore. This is south of the Light in 39 fathoms of water to the tune of roughly a dozen shark a day up to 150 lb. range. A brown shark came around on Saturday to make things interesting.

Charter Boat **King Wayne** sailing from the Viking Dock tells us that on Saturday Tom Elkins and members of the Reelers Fishing Club of Huntington had a good day fishing the ebb tide for fluke off the Lighthouse then in the afternoon a solid catch of flounder off Shagwong. Captain Wayne reminds you his shark and night bluefish trips must be booked early for choice dates.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** tells of good catches of flounder and blacks at Washington Shoals plus a show of fluke.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** and party led by John DeFalco of Farmingville bagged 48 flounder from 1-3 lbs. 6 oz. along with 7 blackfish at Washington Shoals and Clark's Cove on Saturday on clam.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports that fishing on the whole this week was poor, producing a few bass at the latter part of the week. John Donelon of Flushing had 48 small blues and roughly 20 flounder fishing off Cherry Harbor. Sunday Dr. Mangiardi of Mineola bagged 2 blues trolling umbrellas. Tides this week were still raging and the latter part of this coming week hopefully should produce more stripers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kusmider, John Aroniss, and John and Thomas Scheideler with some of the blue sharks and bluefish they kept on a recent trip aboard Capt. Pete Van Alst's "Modar II".

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark Boats report a surprising show of large weakfish this past week. On Friday, Capt. Clark, Jr. had over 125 weaks for 11 fares. These fish were all in the 7-10 lb. class fishing sand worms on the bottom. The weakfishing held up right through the weekend. Porgies are showing an improvement and should continue to pick up as the water warms. The **Captain Clark II** is making weekend runs offshore weather permitting. They're fishing the ocean wrecks for sea bass and ling with some very good results also.

Captain George Keenan of the charter boat **"564 "** out of Indian Cove Marina called to report that on Saturday he landed a 247 lb. mako. The Jenny III had a 145 lb. mako. Both boats also had a lot of blue shark. On Sunday, the Silver Fox had a 432 lb. mako while the Randi-Strike had 2 yellowfin tuna and dropped a swordfish. Numerous other fish were hooked and lost—quite a bit of action.

HAMPTON BAYS

Jimmy at **Corr's Fishing Station** tells of very good fluking this weekend in the east channel. One man had 70 lbs. of fluke Saturday fishing the East Channel using live killies, all on an incoming tide. A few bass were caught just inside the inlet. A 27 lber, a 24 lbr and an 11 lbr. fell to live eels.

MORICHES BAY

Silly Lily Fishing Station says the best bet this past weekend was flounder. Matt White and son of Massapequa had 3/4 of a bucketful fishing just behind buoy 38 using bloodworms. Fish ran 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and were fat. The fluking was off due to strong winds all week.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** says that word for the week was "fluke." Saturday's catches were down due to high winds, but bounced back Sunday. Anna and George Miladinovic with friends Pauline and Mihajlo Georgievski of Brooklyn had 23 keeper fluke up to 4 lbs., 2 harbor blues and 3 weakfish. They worked buoy 44 with sand eel and squid combos. Sunday's catches averaged about 20 fish a boat. There were virtually no midgets.

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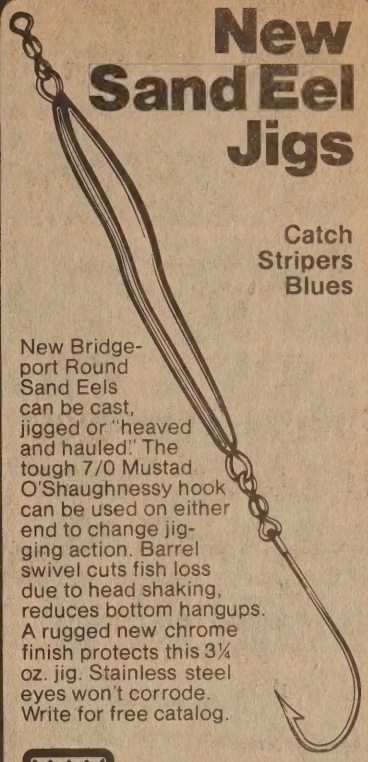

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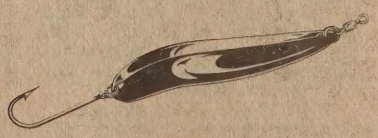

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Tackle reports the Moriches Angler held their annual Shark Tournament. Saturday. First place went to a 306 lb. mako caught on the GREAT GUN ANGLER BOAT*. Jo-Lyn captained by Ed Schroder. On the rod was Jim Haney. A lot of makos were taken out of Moriches Inlet and 20 were brought back to the dock. There had been between 40 and 50 hook-ups for the day. Flounder has still been good off the CB Station, buoys 42, 29 and 27. This has been on worms. Fluking has been up and down with most of the action in the Elbow, the east part of the inlet on sand eels and squid.

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SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports 7-10 lb. tiderunner weaks at Cherry Grove and Sunken Forest on Jelly Worms and on squid. Small weaks and small blues being caught in most areas, best on the east line between Brown's River and Barrett Beach. Heavy catches in Middle Grounds and at Heckscher on fluke. Dave Crocco, Mike Gardiner and Roger Esposito topped the weak off with 23 tiderunners up to 11 lbs. caught off Cherry Grove about 1½ mile off the beach.

WEST SAYVILLE

Mike at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells us fluking has been a little spotty. Three men had 4 fluke between 3-5 lbs. fishing Ocean Beach's buoy 12 area on killie-squid combos. On Thursday, Mike Cunningham boated an 8 lb. weak also at buoy 12 but on a sandworm.

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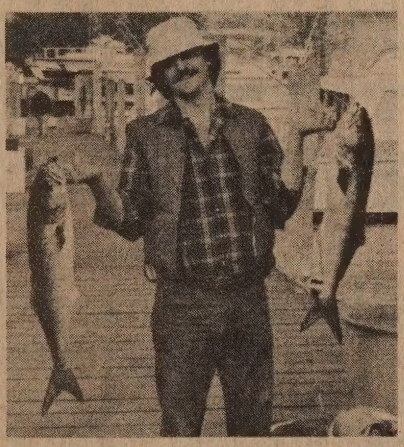

Two of three large bluefish trolled off Block Island aboard the charter boat "Bronco". Displaying the fish is Tom Bosianelli. Subscriber photo.

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OAK BEACH

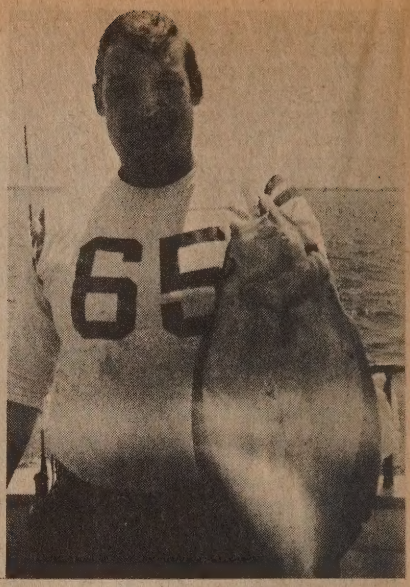
The Store reports nice weakfish caught this weekend up to 10 lbs. at the mouth of Fl Inlet in the mornings jigging on the bottom and also trolling umbrellas with red, white and dark green tubes. Blues up to 3 lbs. also being jigged and umbrellaed at the mouth of the inlet early morning and evening hours. White Tri Fin Whiptails are also getting fish. Though the fluke slowed over the weekend, they are still being caught in some numbers from the bridge to Democrat Point, best on the change of tide on sand eels and squid. Bud Miller and Hayes Teiman of the Store sailed in Saturday's wind 150° out of Fl Inlet to the 160' mark where they tied into 2 makos, 4 blue shark, a dusky and 15 alligator blues. The makos each provided 5 breathtaking leaps but unfortunately both fish broke off, the larger weighing an estimated 200 lbs. Bill Leeming on the **Foxy Lady** also fishing way off the beach at 160° out had 2 makos and dropped the larger, estimated at 400 lbs. Lots of shark out there.

BAY SHORE

The Casey Lee reports only fair on the fluke this past weekend, though good fishing was had during the week. Friday's catch was over 100 fluke, mostly 2-3 lbers taken in the State Channel, Snake Hill Channel, West Channel and the Inlet on spearing or sand eels with squid. Catches were best when tide and wind would allow a good drift.

CAPTREE

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captain Joseph Fleet** reported a slow weekend with the fluke in Fire Island Inlet. On Saturday 75 fluke were taken by 50 fares while on Sunday the same number of fares took 150 keeper fluke. Charlie said that most of the fish taken are keepers and are hitting killies and sandeels. The best fishing has been around the bridge and also in the State Channel. The Captain looks for



James Conley of Washingtonville, N.Y. with the 4 lb. fluke he caught aboard the "Lady Ann" from Captree.

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improved fishing during the week with less traffic and with new bodies of fish moving into the bay.

Capt. Speedy Hubert reported that fluking over the weekend was on the slow side with most fish that were taken caught from the bridge to the inlet. Speedy asked us to remind our readers that the **Speedy VI** will begin bluefishing as of 7 p.m. Friday, June 22nd. From then on he will be making 2 trips a day for the choppers. One at 7 a.m. another at 7 p.m. The **Speedy VII** will begin running 2 fluke trips a day starting Saturday, June 23rd. This will be at 7 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reports fluking fair to good this past week at the Inlet, State Channel, Snake Hill and West Channels. The fish wanted sand eels, spearing, squid and yes, the little cannibals also wanted fluke belly. The last of the flood and the first of the ebb were best, particularly at the inlet. Fish were mixed sizes up to 3 lbs.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** reports fluking over the weekend was good in the afternoon at the end of the flood through the beginning of the ebb. Morning tides were not producing well. George says some weakfish still being caught at the Ocean Beach area. Starting this Saturday the boat will be sailing 2 trips daily for fluke, at 7AM and 2:30 p.m.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** called to tell us fishing this week was erratic with many ups and downs. Two to eight keepers per man on most trips with a typical catch being 5 or 6 good keepers. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's afternoon trips were fished primarily for fluke, with the

Eddie McGusty with his 6 lb. weak and Jim McGusty hoisting his 10 lb. 8 oz. tiderunner weak. The brothers, from Locust Valley, caught these on the "Captree Queen II" on sthe June 13th 3:30 p.m. Trip. Jim copped the pool.

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ast few drifts at sunset for weakfish. Only a few were caught. Now the afternoon trips on the Captree Queen II are going to be for fluke only. The flatties are biting best at the change of tide around the Robert Moses Bridge and during the running tides. Over the weekend fish were also found at the inlet and the State Channel.

Charter boat **Blue Albatross** has been fluking in the State Channel at Gilgo Saturday and Sunday. Captain Roy says that though there was not an abundance of fish taken on Saturday's charter by the Ingraham Fishing Club of New Hyde Park, Rich Birmingham and Ernie Gentile each had 6 keepers and took 1st and 2nd place in the boat pool. Most fish ran 2-4 lbs., hitting on sand eel and on killies. Sunday was almost an exact duplication of Saturday's results.

Peter Jakits and crew, Mike, Stephen Iannella and Pat Tappia fished from their boat Deja Vu out of Fl Inlet on Saturday morning and headed 150° to 135' of water. They fished from 9-12 and Michael, 14, hooked a mako. It took 25 minutes to land the fish but not until he knocked the flying gaff handle out into the water. About 5 minutes before that mako was hooked, another was hooked on 30# line, but he threw the hook after the first jump. Fish was weighed in at the Bay Shore Tuna Club at 211 lbs. It was a very exciting day, especially in lieu of the very sloppy weather out in the ocean. Nice catch Mike and crew.

BABYLON

Captain John Bilitsky of the **Sea Ranger** called to report a little bit of human interest story. George Carlsen, Jr., a youngster who was in a coma two years ago and made a miraculous recovery on his first offshore shark trip since his motorcycle accident fought a 209 lb. makot to gaff in 55 minutes with just a belly harness, although there were two fighting chairs aboard. Congratulations and much good health.

Augie's Bait and Tackle tells us weakfish have been caught this past week in the surf off the Fl jetty and Democrat Point on Hopkins. Bay blues in the bay on an on and off basis on jigs and small umbrellas. Lots of sharks offshore and many were taken Saturday. Tony Pavone

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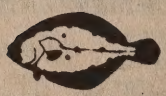

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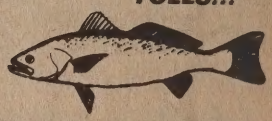

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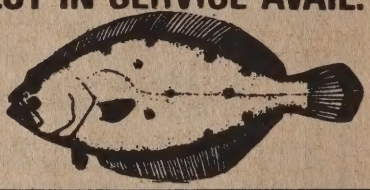

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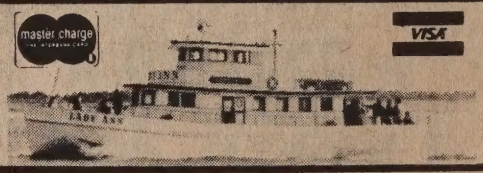

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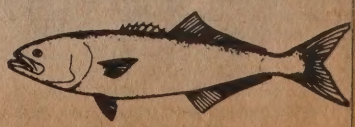

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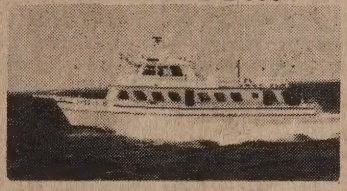

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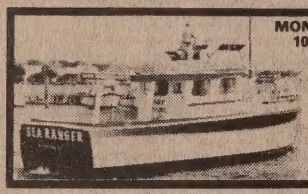

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and Tom Jemmita on their boat Little Chris bagged a 204 lb. mako, the first mako in the BTC this year. A 209 lb. mako was fought and landed by the Sea Ranger Saturday. Fluking has been good weekdays but was off on the weekends due to the late tides. Catches averaged 2-10 fish a man, the better numbers occurring during the week. Squid, sand eel combos did it best, but killies accounted for some too. A few sea bass, ling and blackfish on the outside artificial reef.

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** tells us he had all his boats out on the weekend. Fluke were being taken in the State Channel between the drawbridge and babylon cut on either sand eels or killies teamed with a squid strip, both tides working. Linda Billello had a 5 plus lb. fluke fishing the State Channel behind Grass Island. Some weakfish at the main span of the Captree Bridge in the 3-4 lb. class and their bellies were found loaded with grass shrimp. Bay blues being caught in front of the lighthouse on an outgoing tide on jigged Hopkins and on umbrellas. Weaks being taken on the ebb. A 5 lb. black was caught under the Moses Bridge on a grape jelly worm. Fluke are also at Snake Hill and in the State Channel. Weaks were also caught on the flats side of the Captree Bridge on a rubber shrimp suspended from a bobber.

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Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** tells us about the weakfish that are still being taken in the State Channel on worms and artificial shrimp between Babylon and Lindenhurst and at the inlet on umbrellas with white tubes. Flounder still at the Sore Thumb on sand worms. Fluke at the State Channel areas of the Amityville and Babylon cuts on killies, squid, sand eels and spearing. Bluefish southeast of the inlet in 80-110' of water on chum and butterfish bait and also on umbrellas. These fish are in the 9-12 lb. category with catches light to medium.

LINDENHURST

The Sea Horse reports fair fluking this past week in the State Channel from Tobay to the Babylon cut on squid-killie combo or sand eel-killie combos. Some days were better than

Amy Freewald, Jeff Fannon, and Richie Peterson with 21 fluke up to 4 lbs. taken on sandeel and killie combination. The trio fished out of "Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station" in Seaford Harbor.

others with fish going up to 3 lbs. Most fish were keepers and high hook on a good day was around 8 fish. Fares also taking 2-3 blues on fluke rigs.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells of Dickerson's and West Channel as the best bet for fluke this past week on killie-squid combos. Worms are still taking flounder at the Sore Thumb. Blueclaw crabs in the flats in big numbers, but small sizes. Weakfish have quieted down. Striper at the construction dock and at Sore Thumb. Joey G. livelined bunker and eels to put 4 stripers in the box this week. The largest touching 49 lbs on the scale. No rats. This was all nighttime and early morning fishing. Big blues in 160-170' of water trolled and chummed. These are 12-15 lb. fish. Blue and mako shark southeast of the inlet in 140' of water. Blacks on the artificial reef on fiddlers and green crab.

SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station tells us his boats had a good weekend. Fishing was "average" but Larry Hall of Seaford, his son and wife managed a 7 lb. fluke and 13 other keepers on Sunday. This was at Massapequa Cove and fishing between the 3rd Wantagh and big Meadowbrook bridge on sand eels. Joe Meeki of Brooklyn boated 39 flounder to 1½ lbs. at the Black Banks using worms and mussel chum on an incoming tide Saturday. Sunday saw John Guidi of Valley Stream take 32 flounder in some local deep holes on worms. Other catches were more sporadic.

Captain Eddy's Fishing Station says fluking was good until Tuesday, but then slowed a bit. Best has been Massapequa Cove and the are of the 2nd Wantagh Bridge, on killies, sand eels and squid. Best on the ebb. Blueclaw crabs off the town dock. Some flounder between 1-2 lbs. at the bridges now moving.

MERRICK

LIF staffer Stu Miller had the infamous G. Korn and son Larry out fluking Saturday. Using sand eels and squid strips, two good keepers were bagged at the beginning of the flood in Jones Inlet. When things slowed, they boogied on down to Swift Creek and on a fast drift up to the bridge had at least 1 fluke on every drift. Needless to say, the Korn family was outfished with a final score of 3 for the Korns and 7 keeper fluke for Stu. Once again, good triumphs over evil.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports that fluke was good all week. Merrick Point, Swift Creek and Ned's Creek north of the Fundy Bridge were best with sand eels and with killies. The last of the ebb and all of the flood have been best. Some stripers have been chummed at the Wantagh Bridges in the 9-12 lb. class on bellies. George Zipper using live bunker took a 41 lber and a 20 lber Saturday morning fishing the State Channel east of the Wantagh Bridge in the early morning hours. Flounder are still being taken in some of the good holes, particularly around the bridges and in Swift Creek. Some alligator blues have been taken by sharkers in 110' of water south of Cholera.

Merrick Marine Tackle Center in Bellmore tells of bluefish in the 5-6 lb. range umbrellaed in 80-90' of water due south of the Inlet. Some blues, bass and weaks were trolled in Fl Inlet on Friday evening through dark. Willie Wilkeyson on his boat Culligan Man took a 161 lb. mako on Saturday fishing southeast of Fl inlet in roughly 160' of water. Fluke still being taken at Jones Inlet on sand eels and squid.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells us Ed Reimish and George Zipper have been livelining in their secret areas of the State Channel taking stripers up to 37 lbs. Andy says fluke has been very good this past weekend in Baldwin Bay, Middle Bay and at the inlet on killies and squid.

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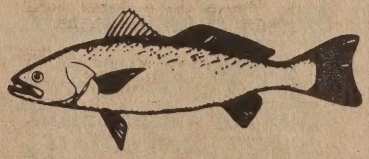

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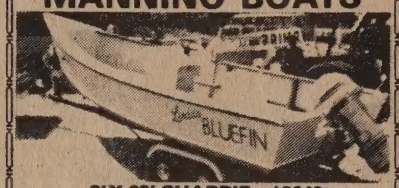

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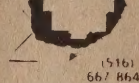

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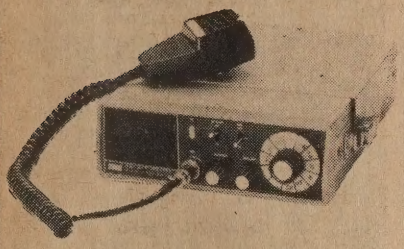

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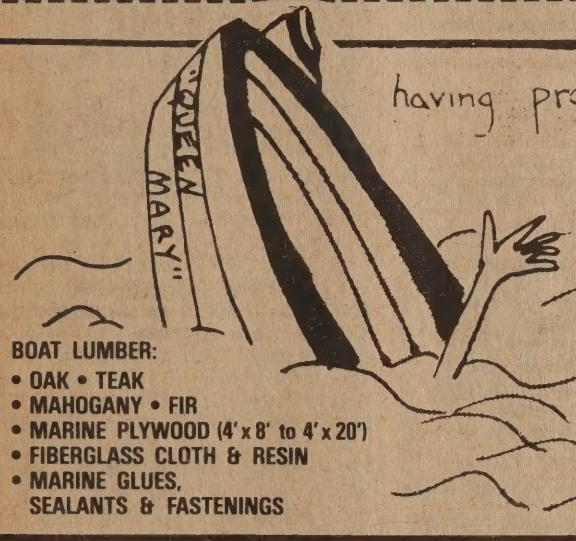

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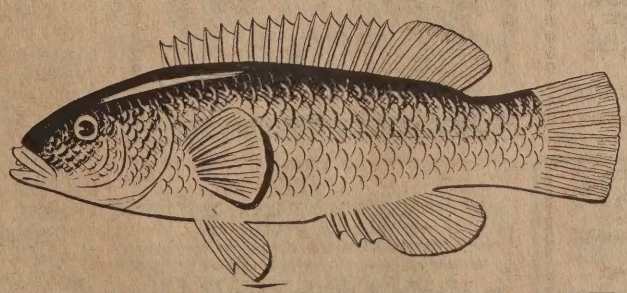

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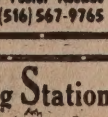
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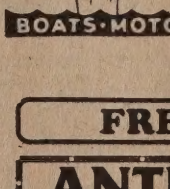
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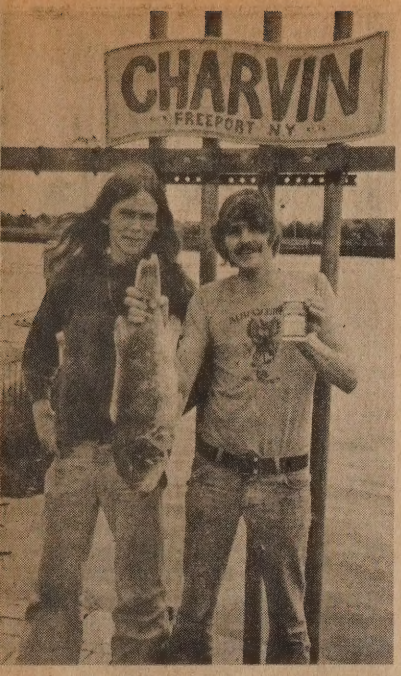
Captain Al reports very good catches of big sea bass Sunday. Pat Lindroth, the Captain's wife, filled a 5 gal. bucket with sea bass and also she brought up a 4 lb. lobster on hook and line. Three small cod were also taken on the boat. Pool fish was a 5 lb. sea bass and a catch consists mainly of sea bass now to the tune of 15-20 per good angler. A few blacks and ling are also filling out a day's catch. **The Captain Bill** has been having good fluking on his half day trips all week and weekend mainly working the inlet area and Reynold's Channel with sand eels and squid.

Captain Richie of the **Starstream II** has now switched over to BLUEFISH and his bluefish express will be sailing daily at 6:30 a.m. Though his catches of bass, ling and blacks had been fair all week, he has had tons of request for bluefish and now that they are within striking distance, Richie says its "Bluefish or bust." Fish were taken by trollers this past Saturday up to 16 lbs., and it was a slaughter.

Captain Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin II** tells us that Saturday and Sunday saw good fluking, catches averaging 4-5 per man. Best was the inlet and nearby channels on sand eels and spearing. Pools both Saturday and Sunday were taken by women. On Saturday, Ronnie Kwiecinski of Maspeth took the pool with a 4 lb. fluke. On Sunday, Millie Rodriguez of the Bronx took the pool with a 5 lb. 1 oz. flattie. Tuesday was also very good on the fluke in the same area.

The Captain Hall informs us that he had a very good week and weekend on the fluke, though Sunday there was a bit of a problem. Saturday's catch averaged 8-9 keeper fluke a man and the Captain says he is fishing mainly in the back bays. Pool fish usually run in the 4 lb. range. Fish are running 3-18 per man in the 2-4 lb. range.

Captain Spider on the **Aloma II** reports that Thursday and Friday saw excellent fluking, catches up to 16 fish a man. A regular, Tiny got 16 keepers on Thursday and 9 on Friday. Fish are averaging 2½ lbs. pools running in the 5 lb. category. Spider is fishing mainly in Reynolds Channel west of the bridge, also Ril Park where the fish are larger. A proper wind drift is necessary off the beach. The boat will start nigh bluefishing 6:30 p.m. every nigh



Ralph Fritzman and Kevin Fitzgerald landed 34 blackfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Include in this catch was this — 8¾ pounder. Photo courtesy of Charvin Fishing Station.

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The **Captain Lou III** called to say that Monday and Tuesday were good on fluke in Reynolds Channel, but Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were excellent. Friday's high hook was 21 keepers including a double header bagged in Reynolds Channel. Lots of catches in the teens. Killie and sand eel combos work best. Wednesday's pool was a 6¼ lb. fluke. Sunday morning was a pick, but it improved in the afternoon up until the rains came down in the inlet.

Mark's Bait and Tackle reports Mark Hallem, Tony Carney, Bob Hansen, Chuck Carroll and George Buzzetta on Tony's charter boat **Neptune** on Saturday had blue sharks to 8' in length, several duskies in the 100 lb. class and lots of alligator blues to 20 lbs. fishing southeast of Jones Inlet in 168' of water. Most of the shark were tagged and released. Paul Rothonel and "the boys" on his boat Wildfire on Sunday bagged 18 big bluefish south of Cholera. In 70' of water a big shark came up to the boat but could not be baited. John Smith at Jones Beach Field 6 assisted an overworked angler and helped him beach a 100 lb. sting ray which had been foul hooked. Super bass pro Ed Reinish on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning fished the Lido surf in his boat and on live bunker had 6 bass Thursday to 44 lbs., 10 bass Friday to 32 lbs. and 7 bass Saturday to 37 lbs.

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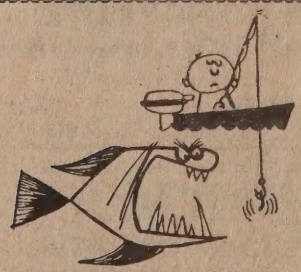

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being umbrellaed in 85-90' of water. Still, good fluking in the inlet and Reynolds Channel on sand eels, killies or squid. Sharpshooter Jason Colby beached a 22 and a 35 lb. bass on bucktail and on live eel fishing between Lido and Long Beach. Stripers are also being caught between Gilgo and Tobay on live eels.

The Freeport Boatmen's Association reports the recent tile trip on the **Nite Owl II** saw an average of 4 tilefish per man come over the rails. The pool fish was over 40 lbs. and a lot of fish were in the thirties. The seas cooperated. All the rest of the Association boats fluked and did a decent job in Jones Inlet and some of the deeper surrounding channels. Best results were on the **Atlantic** Saturday fishing in 35' of water south of the Marine Parkway bridge. Catches averaged 8-9 keepers a man, fish from 3-4 lbs. The Nite Owl II will have a codfish wreck trip sailing Monday, July 23 at 5AM.

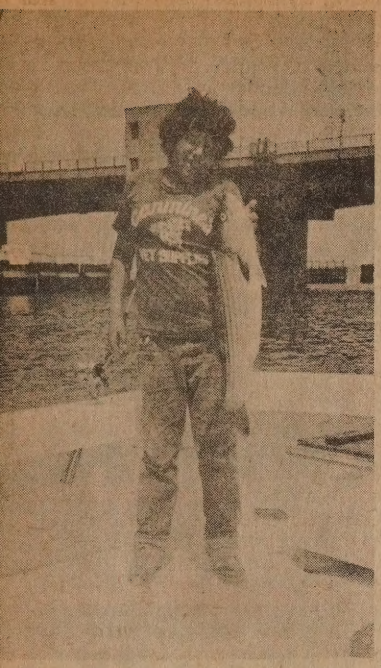
Anthony's Fishing Station reports good fluke activity with several catches of 10-12 good fluke per boat. Bill Ferrar had 19 keepers Friday up to 5 lbs. working the inlet and Short Beach area. Bill says he also dropped a doormat. A few flounder being brought back from Swift and Haunts Creek on worms. Fluke and flounder being taken from the High Flats Drain bridge to Guy Lombardo's. Blackfish at the bridge on fiddlers.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Fishing Station reports a 25 lb. bass was caught off the Jones Beach jetty using trolled Bunker Spoons in mid-afternoon. Blackfishing good at the T wreck and the Meadowbrook bridge on fiddlers and green crab. Fluke have been caught in Swift Creek on incoming tide on sand eels and squid. Flounder in Swift Creek on worms and chum on both tides. Fluke also in Reynolds Channel and the inlet. At slack tide, boats are trolling to catch fluke up to 6 lbs. in Reynolds Channel. Some blues being caught in 85-115' of water on umbrellas. Some bunker starting to arrive.

ISLAND PARK

The Commodore reports that with the exception of Monday and Thursday, he had good fluking all week. Clem fished off Riis Park Tuesday and Wednesday. He's also fishing in the bay. Over 400 fluke were taken on Saturday, mostly early in the day. Over 200 fluke taken Sunday in the back of Baldwin, at the golf course off Lido, finding the fluke lying mainly in the mud. Five and a half year old Roman Quijano of Long Beach caught 7 fluke all by himself and had the boat in a general uproar with his excitement and yelling for the net. Mattie Viola of Valley Stream bagged 19 keepers Sunday. Joyce Ward, also of Valley Stream



Marty Cortez of Elmont, N.Y., with bass of 14 lbs. taken on Lupo Baby Bunker Spoons aboard the "Kim." It was caught in the Rockaway area and was his first bass ever.

ad 12 keepers. For the third week a row, Lynbrook sharpie John leickhardt took the pool with a 4 lb. uke. There were a larger percen- ke of keepers Saturday.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina says at fluke fishing the best in 9 yrs., l up and down Reynolds Channel specially at Duck Point. Sand eels nd squid at the top of the outgoing as been best. Most of their skiffs etting a bucketful per boat of good zed keepers. Bunkers arrived yes- rday, so the bass fishermen are ut in force. Blues scattered east of ebs inlet from 80' on out.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Kim skipper Ronnie Lepper called say bass trolling has been latively poor since last weekend in e New York Bight and Jersey ore areas. A few fish have been ken from the beach and also from e Staten Island coves. He's been litting bass and fluke for full day arters. A decent body of blues are f the Jersey shore from Cedars to ea Bright but have been too spersed for party boats to jig. He's een using Baby Bunker Spoons om dawn to 7AM, then switching umbrellas. The big bluefish hit rly with the 2-5 lb. variety homing on the umbrellas. Ron says he's veraging between 50-100 bluefish r trip. There were big blues and big numbers Saturday at the BA uoy.

Larry of **Seamans Bait** tells of lots f sand porgies in Jamaica Bay taken on small piece of clam or worm. Rockaway's jetties are all producing blackfish. Fluking to the tune of 20-25 per boat being had this past week between the Tin can and the warrior, buoy. Plenty of blueclaw crabs and a lot of soft shells around too. Bluefish have been smashing eels in various places, eels intended for stripers.

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The new **Amberjack V** reports the finest kind of bluefish at Manasquan Ridge. Fish from 5 to 15 lbs. were being taken on banana jigs and also on bait. The Captain said that due to the size of most of the fish catches of 15 fish per man are about tops. Many fish are broken off.

The **Elsie K III** reported excellent fluking during the week with somewhat slower action over the weekend. The Captain has been fishing off of the Rockaways and Coney Island. Late Sunday a new body of

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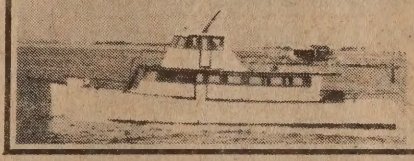

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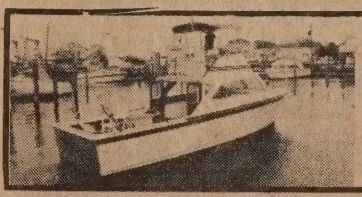

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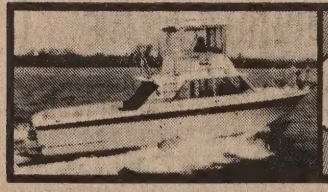

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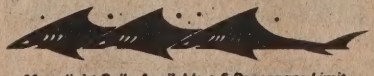

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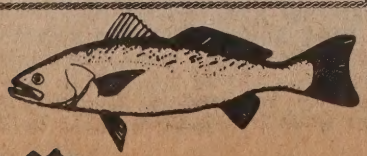

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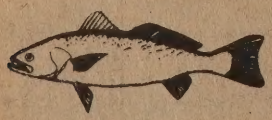

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fish was discovered at Sandy Hook and the Captain hopes that this will provide some of the same fast action that was enjoyed last week. The pool fish is usually around the 4 lb. mark with an occasional 6 pounder taken. Sandeels and spearing both produce fish.

The **Flamingo III** reported good fluke fishing down at Long Branch and off of the Cedars. There also was some good fishing for sea bass and blackfish during the week.

Stella Maris Bait and Tackle tells of fluke being caught off Coney Island, Tin Can, Riis Park and Sea Gate all around the high using sand eels, spearing and squid. Blues have been caught at Norton's Point near the VZ bridge and at the Farms at high tide on bananas, fish mixed sizes.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports striped bass being caught at Penny Beach and Cliff St., mostly on the ebb, fish averaging 20-30 lbs, 2-6 fish per man per tide. Some 10-12 lb. bluefish mixed in on Danny Swimmers, Stan Gibbs and Atom swimmers. Al Guskind had a 30 lb. bass Thurday. Bill Seabrook bagged a 28 lber while Tony Ioacove had a 15 lb.

blue. All these were on plugs. Jersey Street has schoolie stripers . Sailor's Snug Harbor has been producing stripers up to 5 lbs. on sand worms. Fluke at Great Kills Park, Annadale Beach and Princess Bay. 15-17'' in size, some fish up to 3 and 4 lbs. Blueclaw crabs being caught at Great Kills Pk in the harbor area. Princess Bay and Middle Grounds have a steady pick of 2-4 lb blues trolling with Lancers or bait fishing with bunker. Hoffman Island fishing with sand worms is producing schoolie bass. Fluke fishing excellent at Annadale buoy 4.

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GREENPORT

A. P. White Bait Shop reports fluke and weaks from Dering Point eastward drifting with worms and squid strips. On the East Marion side boats are drifting for fluke and weaks using squid, sand eels and fluke rigs. Catches have been good on both tides. Some blues at Jessup's, best from evening to early AM hours. Porgies just starting at Green Hill, Gardiner's Island. Still some flounder from Orient to Petty's Bight on worms and clam.

SOUTHOLD

Carolyn at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reports that in general fishing has been a little slow but at the Brickyard weaks, fluke and blues are being taken on drifted squid and spearing and Salty Dogs tipped with squid. These fish range up to 4 lbs. Some porgies at buoy 17 and at South Ferry. On Saturday one rental skiff had nearly 200 porgies fishing just north of buoy 17 with worm and clam on the hook and lots of clam chum. Flounder are excellent at Orient Point on worm and mussel.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** tells us fishing is picking up during this last week. Rose's Grove has weaks and the South Race is beginning to produce some porgies. John Delenzik and Jan Kowalski of Glen Cove boated 36 weaks and 46 porgies on Monday fishing the South Race on incoming tide using worms and squid.

AQUEBOGUE

Warrens Tackle reported porgies in 30' of water between buoys 17 and 18 in the bay. What's left of the weaks are in the same location. Blues are in the bay moving around from day to day. Fluke are at the mouth of Mattituck Inlet and off Devon. Porgies were out of the inlet and down along the shore to the west. Bass fishing in the Gut has been fair. There are also scattered bass hitting along the beaches, mostly at night.

NOYAC

Barbara at **Noyac Marina** called to say on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Towles fished off the fish nets at Jessup's towards buoy 16 and had 12 good weakfish on sand worms. On Monday morning of this week, Bill Failes Sr. and Jr. also hit weakfish off the nets and had about 35 coming back in at 9:30 a.m. for more squid. Bill said it was wall to wall fish that were breaking on top.

PECONICS

Speck's Bait and Tackle reports that Southampton's Ocean Beach has been a good spot this past week for stripers. Deer Park anglers Gerald and Joe Salvatore had 8 stripers from the beach from 18-28 lbs. on sand worms Wednesday fishing the east side of the Inlet. Bass also hit sand worms and bucktails in the same area, also the rock pile and the jetty at Ocean Beach. None were taken on plugs. Al Hoffman and Tony Demonte of Astoria boated 6 fluke fishing the northeast side of Gardiner's, fish up to 4½ lbs. on squid. Also a lot o big squid in the water. Weakfish activity at the slopes of the deepe spots in Peconic's Cow Neck and buoys 17 and 18 on whole sand worms. Porgy activity building between buoys 17 and 18 on sand worms and clam in Peconic. Blues are in at Shinnecock and in Peconic in the 5 lb. class.

Rich Warren caught these stripers on live eels at Shelter Island. The largest fish weighed in at 54 lbs. while the other fish checked in at 44 lbs. Phot courtesy of "Speck's Bait & Tackle.

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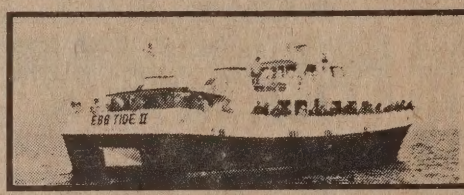

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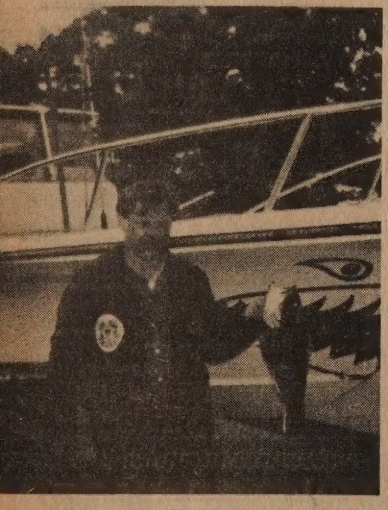
ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Stop informs us Mike Petrino and Roy Detlefsen caught blues up to 6½ lbs. north of buoy 7 casting Krocodiles. Shore casters caught porgies on sand worms. Boat anglers are catching them off the Shoal area from Broadway to Rocky Point. Black are being caught at Hagerman Beach using fiddlers and worms. Good shore catches of blues up to 4 lbs. by Chuck Schloss and his son using Kastmasters at daybreak and at the top of the tide. Big fluke being caught at buoy 5 using local squid and sand eel combos, some fish 6-8 lbs. Best is on a falling tide drifting between Can 5 and the tanks.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reported blues off buoy 11 in the 4 lb. area. Also some weaks mixed in, catching on a moving tide using Ava jigs, Tri Fins and umbrellas. Fluke being taken drifting around buoy 9 with sand eels and squid. Porgies and blacks being taken in the Rocky Point area inside buoy 9 on the late side at evening with worms, clams and squid.



Lenny "Phantom" Woodrich with a very early and large sea bass of 5.3 lbs. caught by buoy 9 at Mt. Sinai. Who said sea bass is a lost species? Photo courtesy of Tackle Shack Sportsman Ctr., Inc.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reported good numbers of blues by #11 over the weekend. Weaks were on the lean side in that spot perhaps because of the boat traffic. Porgies have moved off sand bottoms into rocky stretches off Old Field Point. Good numbers of blacks in the same area.

HUNTINGTON

Charter boat **Eclipse** called to say that the weaks are on a decline, but the bluefish are picking up on chum, bait, bucktails and umbrellas, with Glo Tubing a big assist. Right now it's just a showing of fish in the 5 lb. class.

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready** tells us that Justin Davais took the pool Tuesday evening with a 31 lb. 2 oz. striper. Dan Zapata had an 11½ lb., weakfish the same evening aboard the boat. Thursday evening saw a 12 lb. weak fall to angler Joe Napolitano. All this action was at buoys 15 and 11B with action picking up solidly.

Four Winds Bait and Tackle called to tell us Diamond Point was great on the weaks and blues this weekend with many fish being caught on Jelly worms using a Tri Fin diamond head or Tri Fin Eel Worms. Umbrellas and diamond jigs scored well also. Action was slower on the weekend due to horrible boat traffic,

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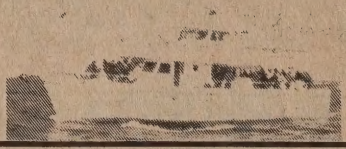

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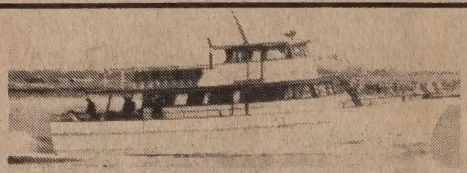

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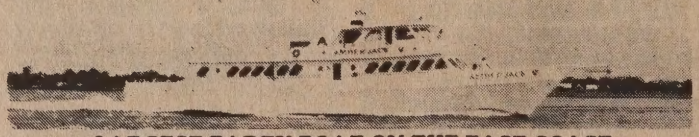

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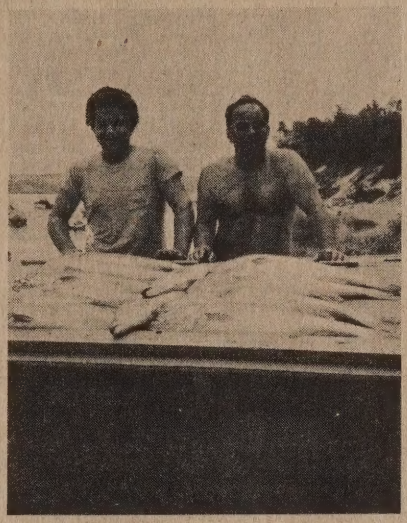
but fish were still caught up to 10½ lbs. On Friday George weighed in an 11 lb. fluke caught by Ron Marriott on a red jelly worm. A 9 lb. blackfish was pulled out of the Eaton's Neck area by Matt Fenza and on Sunday Dr. Les Krawitt took a 7¼ lb. black at Eatons Neck all on green crab.



Mike & Sal Delligante of Commack, with 12 weakfish taken at the Mansion using Mr. Twisters and Sandworms. Photo courtesy O.K. Bait Shop.

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Artie at **Ski and Sea** tells us that Bill Rosenwald went out on Father's Day and had 6 bluefish up to 4 lbs. fishing 1/2 mile off Crabmeadow trolling with surge tubes at around dawn on the ebb. Also Jim Kane took 2 blues Friday on the surface with Hopkins. His fish were in the 6 lb. range. Lots of reports of porgies being caught by the Lilco platform on sand worms. Blacks on fiddler crabs at the Mansion.

O.K. Bait and Tackle tells of good bluefishing and weakfishing in this area. Saturday Sal, Sophie and Paul Bruno got 7 blues up to 4 lbs. on trolled Rebels off Sunken Meadow Beach. Also on Saturday, John Paris and Ed Arnold took 11 big weaks up to 9 lbs. These fish were caught at the Mansion on a high hook baited with a sand worm. On the bottom scene, Mike Andriaccio of Kings Park weighed in a 7 lb. black caught at the Mansion on a fiddler crab.

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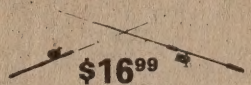

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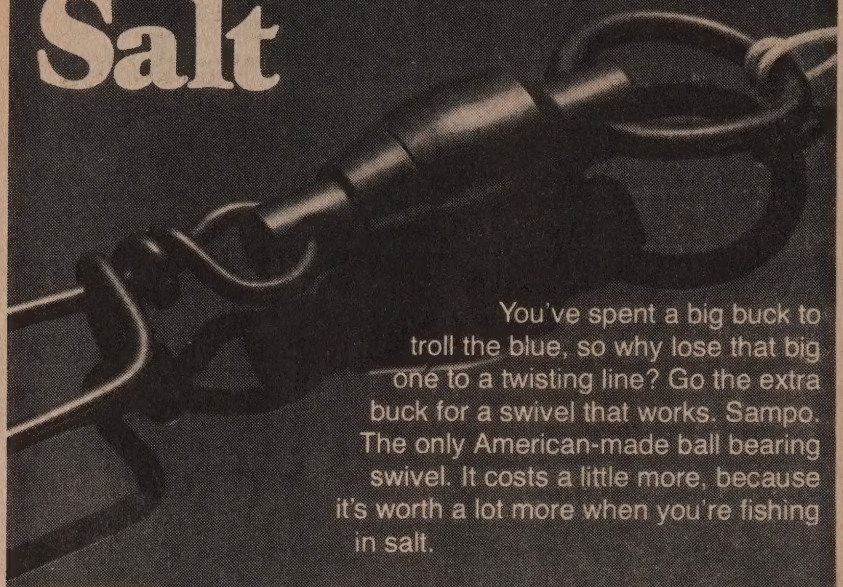

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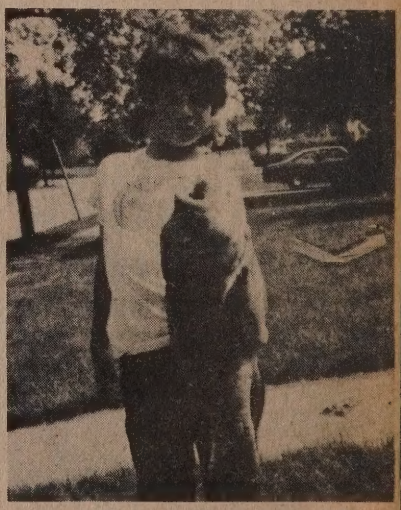
Salty's Bait and Tackle co-owner Mark reports weaks at Diamond Point all week long. Tri Fin eel worms and jelly worms with Tri Fin diamond heads work best, usually on outgoing tide. Al Gentile had a good catch of weaks to 9 lbs. Friday. Early morning seems prime time. Blues at Diamond Point out to buoy 15 trolling a jig. Ken Brown took blues up to 12 lbs. Bass all along Bayville for surf casters (Correction—that should be blackfish) caught on fiddlers and clam. Good blackfish catches at Morris Rock and the black buoy at Cold Spring Harbor. Worm trollers taking bass along the Causeway and also Marshall Fields. John the Greek took a dozen bass and weaks at night on outgoing water. Fluke and porgies very slow.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Tackle Shop reported lots of small bass in the area hitting poppers. Very good blackfishing in all rocky points and reefs. Over the weekend one boat came in with 80 mackerel caught at Harts Island. Not many porgies around yet and no harbor blues in the area as of this report.

RYE

Bob at **Capt. John's** reported only spotty fishing for porgies last week. Blues are around, but not in any numbers. Those being taken, however are big fish. Weaks are out in the middle with the blues but not in quantity. There's a few bass here and there along the shore line taking trolled worms. Blackfishing is going strong right now.



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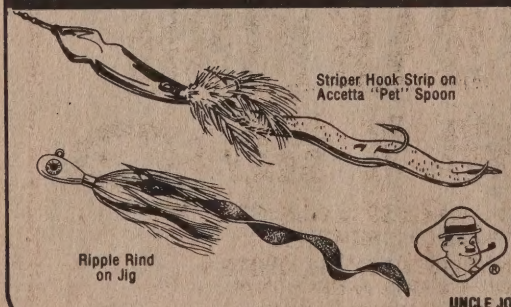

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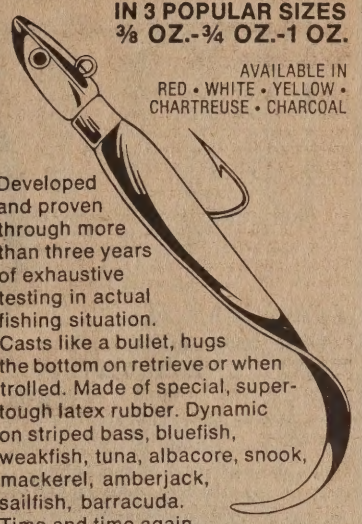

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	6:10	6:36	6:58	7:26	6:47	7:14	7:52	8:10	10:22	10:40	9:42	9:59	5:58	6:23	6/21
FRI.	7:00	7:22	7:49	8:14	7:40	8:03	8:42	8:55	11:11	11:27	10:33	10:47	6:46	7:09	6/22
SAT.	7:48	8:04	8:37	8:58	8:28	8:46	9:27	9:38	11:58	–	11:20	11:33	7:33	7:56	6/23
SUN.	8:31	8:45	9:23	9:40	9:13	9:28	10:10	10:19	12:10	12:41	–	12:04	8:19	8:40	6/24
MON.	9:13	9:23	10:06	10:21	9:59	10:10	10:52	11:00	12:50	1:22	12:15	12:46	9:04	9:23	6/25
TUE.	9:55	10:02	10:48	11:01	10:42	10:51	11:33	11:41	1:26	1:58	12:56	1:25	9:48	10:05	6/26
WED.	10:37	10:41	11:30	11:39	11:31	11:35	–	12:18	1:53	2:30	1:37	2:05	10:32	10:48	6/27
THUR.	11:21	11:21	–	12:10	–	12:17	12:23	1:03	2:14	2:50	2:17	2:46	11:17	11:30	6/28

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

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Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
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Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

6/5	5:25	8:32
6/10	5:24	8:35
6/15	5:24	8:37
6/20	5:24	8:39
6/25	5:25	8:40
6/30	5:27	8:40

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6/24	6/2	6/10	6/17

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	8:55	**3:15**	9:25	**3:45**
Fri.	10:00	**4:15**	10:25	**4:40**
Sat.	10:55	**5:10**	11:20	**5:40**
Sun.	11:55	**6:10**	—	**6:35**
Mon.	12:20	**6:55**	12:50	**7:20**
Tues.	1:05	**7:40**	1:35	**8:10**
Wed.	1:50	**8:25**	2:25	**8:50**
Thurs.	2:35	**9:10**	3:05	**9:35**

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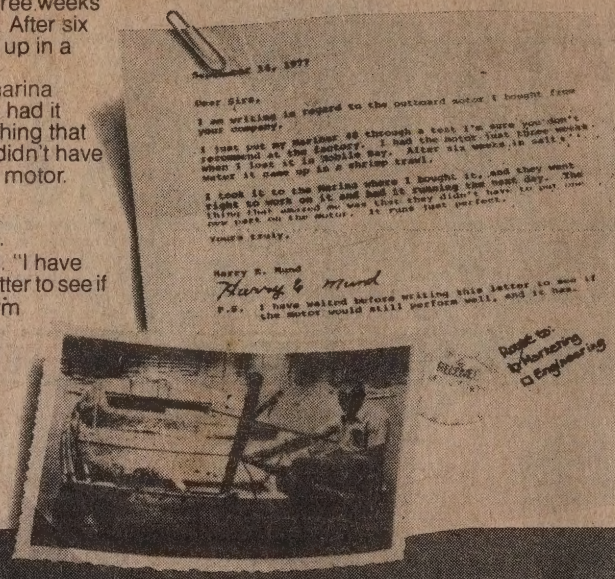
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